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King Frederik and Queen Mary on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen and (inset) sharing a kiss. Pictures: Jonathan Nackstrand

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Danes herald a new era as beloved Aussie begins her reign with a kiss

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A moment of majesty as our Mary ascends Danish throne

WITH THE EYES OF THE WORLD UPON HER, AUSTRALIAN-BORN MARY DONALDSON WAS OFFICIALLY CROWNED QUEEN OF DENMARK AS HER HUSBAND FREDERIK WAS PROCLAIMED KING

Crown Prince Christian

Danielle Gusmaroli, in Copenhagen, and David Mills

It started with a kiss.

Denmark's new King Frederik and Queen Mary have sealed the start of their reign with a kiss, delighting spectators at Chistiansborg Palace, who turned out on the streets of Copenhagen in their thousands despite the freezing conditions.

Danes sang their national anthem and cheered their new King, who wiped away tears after his reign was proclaimed by Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen.

"Long live His Majesty King Frederik the Tenth," she told the crowd, before leading them in a chant of support for the new monarch.

In a short speech to the crowd, King Frederik honoured the service of his mother, Queen Margrethe, who abdicated after 52 years on the Danish throne.

Reading from a prepared statement, King Frederik said it was "my hope to be a great king". He said he was "connected, obligated and for the kingdom of Denmark"

"I have respect, pride; I need all the support I can get," he said.

After the speech the Danish people got their first look at their new Queen, Mary, supremely elegant in a simple white dress with a matching scarf and belt. She emerged on to the balcony at Christiansborg Palace amid a great roar from the crowd and smiled and waved happily.

She was followed by the heir, Crown Prince Christian, then Princesses Isabella and Jospehine, and Prince Vincent.

Queen Mary and King Frederik were both seen to feel the emotion of the moment, holding their hands above their chests. They also joined hands above their heads.

Queen Mary and King Frederik wave to well-wishers as they travel by carriage from Christiansborg Palace back to their home at Amalienborg Palace.

The kiss was greeted with another big roar from the crowd, but also calls for "more".

Earlier, Queen Margrethe formalised her abdication with a simple stroke of her signature on a document during a meeting of the Council of State, with King Frederik by her side and Crown Prince Christian next to him. It was not immediately apparent where Queen Mary stood at the moment of abdication – an event that has not happened in Denmark for 900 years.

Images of the moment showed a solemn and poignant occasion.

Dressed in a burgundy suit, Queen Margrethe departed the room with a walking stick for support, while King Frederik took his place at the head of the table.

Her 52 years on the throne had made her the world's longest-serving monarch, a record she had held since the death of her third cousin, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, in September 2022.

An estimated 150,000 Danes braved freezing temperatures to line the streets on Sunday to catch a glimpse of Queen Margrethe in her last act as monarch, making her way to Christiansborg Castle in a mahogany carriage escorted by 48 horses from the Guard Hussar Regiment's Mounted Squadron. Media from 79 countries covered the event, with the huge crowds and the spectacle contradicting earlier predictions it would be an event without much pomp and ceremony.

Perth resident Dennis Konig was one of many Australian spectators, saying "We have a royal queen from Australia who we're all proud of".

Former Melburnian Lucas Kraeddergaard, 33, from Copenhagen, was also in the crowd at Christiansborg Palace.

"Queen Margrethe's abdication is a moment in history I'll never see again in my lifetime," he said. "Duty has characterised her reign,

The new prince of hearts

Crown Prince Christian set hearts ablaze as the new heir to the throne of Denmark became the most eligible bachelor in Europe.

The 18-year-old was the striking image of his father King Frederik X, who Prince Christian replaced as the first in the royal family's line of succession.

Tens of thousands who lined the streets erupted in cheers as Christian stepped out to join his parents in his first official public appearance as Crown Prince.

Queen Mary's eldest son has been fending off rumours he's dating a glamorous Italian Princess Maria Chiara di Borbone delle Due Sicilie.

But after Princess Maria issued a wistful denial of a relationship, all eyes turned toward the newly-proclaimed heir to one of Europe's longest-lasting thrones.

Prince Christian joined his father and mother on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace 24 years after their own fairy tale romance began during the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Earlier he sat next to the King at the Council of State where Queen Margrethe II signed the official abdication.

Queen Margrethe II.

Queen's tearful final act

Europe's longest-serving monarch was brought to tears as she used her final act as Queen to officially sign the future of the Denmark Royal House to King Frederik X and Crown Prince Christian.

The 83-year-old, who sat on the throne since 1972, was visibly emotional as she signed the Declaration of Abdication and stepped away from her son and grandson as the country's new head of state and heir.

At that moment, the 52-year reign of Queen Margrethe II ended with her final words "long live the King". It marked the first day of the reign of King Frederik.

The succession came two weeks after Queen Margrethe II — who in the past had said she would remain on the throne for life — stunned the country on New Year's Eve when she announced her decision to abdicate.

Frederik and Mary make their royal debut as King and Queen of Denmark shortly after Queen Margrethe (top right) stepped down by signing a declaration of her abdication alongside her son. Earlier, crowds lined the streets of Copenhagen (right) to cheer on the couple as they made their way to Christiansborg Palace for the historic occasion. Pictures: AFP

King Frederik and Queen Mary with their children Isabella, Christian, Josephine and Vincent on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace.

we're indebted to her. And we're excited about getting a new reign.

"Everyone loves Queen Mary, I've met her several times and whenever she hears my Aussie accent she tells me 'That's so nice.'

Sydney-born Andrew Mina, 43, and his daughter Annika, 12, who live in Copenhagen, said they had camped out early to see the celebrations. They had both met the royal couple, and Annika plays football with the couple's youngest twin daughter, Princess Josephine.

"We're excited to be getting a new reign and an Australian queen," Mr Mina said.

Annika said of her teammate: "Princess Josephine has been training hard and is really quite good at football and plays attacker. She's really friendly and nice. I sometimes see her mum sitting in the car waiting to pick her up after football – they're a pretty cool family," she said.

The transition was put into immediate effect when Queen Margrethe signed a declaration of her abdication in front of the Danish Council of State, as well as Frederik and Mary and their eldest son, Christian, 18, who is now the direct heir to the throne.

While there was no official Australian presence at a brief levée (ceremony) following the Council of State meeting, Queen Mary had a reminder of her former home in the presence of her sister Jane Stephens, a Hobart-based pharmacist who is also godmother to Crown Prince Christian. Mary's father John Donaldson was unable to attend because of poor health.

Danes got their first glimpse of King Frederik X and Queen Mary when they were proclaimed on the balcony by Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen. Afterwards, the royal couple travelled via carriage to the family abode within Amalienborg Palace.

Crowds jammed the octagonal square outside Amalienborg hoping for a glimpse of their new-look royal family, with the photogenic and still-young ruling couple (Frederik is 55, Mary 51) at its heart.

The occasion was marked by cannon shots at the entrance to Copenhagen Harbour, the raising of the royal flag, and later, a massive fireworks display over the city.

Britain's King Charles was among the other monarchs who sent a message of congratulations, saying that along with his wife, Queen Camilla, "I look forward to working with you on ensuring that the enduring bond between our countries, and our families, remains strong, and to working together with you on issues which matter so much for our countries and the wider world."

He paid tribute to the "many years of service" of Queen Margrethe in his public statement, and wrote to her privately, as well.

Celebrations are set to continue with a parliamentary reception today and a mass next Sunday.

Hobart-born Mary's path to the Danish crown began in the year 2000, soon after she met the then-Prince Frederik in a Sydney bar during the Olympic Games.

Their courtship stayed secret until November 2001, when a Danish magazine revealed Mary's identity.

Mary officially became a princess in 2004 upon her marriage to Frederik, and she came to be highly regarded by both the Danish people and Queen Margrethe, who saw her as a rock anchoring her previously flighty husband.

With three in four Danes in support of the current system, Mary takes her place at the head of one of Europe's most beloved monarchies, at a time when support for royalty in Holland, Sweden and Spain is plummeting. Of Europe's major royal houses, only Norway eclipses Denmark in favourable polling numbers.

But the timing is awkward. Queen Margrethe's surprise decision to abdicate, after earlier saying she intended never to do so, and the haste with which the handover happened, fuelled rival conspiracy theories: one that she is in poorer health than previously believed; and the other suggesting the transition was done to sideline recent gossip that Frederik had had an affair with a Mexican socialite in Spain, a claim which that woman denied.

The crowning of the new king and queen is already creating speculation that a state visit to Australia could be on the cards, although a 2024 trip is considered unlikely because of the planned official visit by King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Two countries bound together by a crown

Charles Miranda

Aussie-born Mary's ascension as Queen of Denmark was the jewel in the crown that will forever tie the two nations from opposite sides of the world, according to expat Danes in Australia.

Australia's modest but passionately proud Danish community was always going to celebrate the once-in-a-generation crowning of a new king and queen.

But they did so on Sunday with added gusto for the Queen from Down Under, toasting the bonus connection with Akvavit snaps and pickled herring and cucumber Smorrebrod open sandwiches.

"The Danish community is of course very excited, everyone is really supporting it and for me (Margrethe) has been the only queen I've ever known and I'm only in my 40s, so it's definitely a once-in-a-generation kind of event," The Danish Club vice president Lykke Borup said.

"Having that Australian connection (Mary) is now also just making it more exciting for us here. Frederik and Mary ... are such a power couple so I think it's perfect timing for the royal family. They will put Denmark more on the map."

The 134-year-old Danish Club is one of the oldest cultural clubs in Australia and is usually closed this time of year but opened its Melbourne headquarters for a succession celebration. Ms Borup, an award-winning jeweller, has her own personal connection with the royals with her family's jewellery business in Denmark making pieces for the royal family, including Mary.

Ex-pat Dane Rasmus Fiedler, who runs social and cultural gatherings under the banner Young Vikings in Town, also has a royal connection having met Frederik and Mary in 2011 during a royal visit to Australia.

"It's great for us in Australia to have an Australian-born queen, they are so popular compared to the English royal family," he said.

Lykke Borup, Nick Procter and Ingrid Geoghegan celebrate.

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Mary's diet is thought to be based on locally sourced and readily available natural foods.

Never a hair out of right royal place

HER HAIRDRESSER HAS CUT AND RUN BUT A LOYAL RETINUE OF ASSISTANTS, ADVISERS AND STAFFERS IS STILL STANDING BY TO SHAPE QUEEN MARY'S REGAL HOUSEHOLD

Zoe Smith and Danielle Gusmaroli

Behind every photograph, speech delivered, social media post placed and ribbon cut is an army of royal specialists guiding our Mary in Denmark.

As many as a dozen people form the Tasmanian-born royal's inner circle. Some have been there from the day she arrived in Copenhagen. Others will join her as she embarks on her new role as queen.

And with the shock abdication of Queen Margrethe – described by Danish royal expert Trine Villemann as "a bomb that just blew up" – the then Princess Mary received some explosive news of her own.

Her longstanding hairdresser was moving on.

But there is still a loyal contingent of assistants, advisers and staffers standing by to shape her new regal household.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Steen Evald has long been Queen Mary's go-to photographer for official portraits and private family images.

The Dane's ability to make her feel relaxed and at ease is evident in the shots he has taken.

Mr Evald, who has regularly snapped her on royal tours and visits, has also taken portraits of Crown Prince Christian, Princess Isabella, Princess Josephine and Prince Vincent, during his two decades as the royal family's official photographer.

The photographer said he had "shared many tender moments" with the family over the years.

"I have been the preferred photographer for the Crown Prince couple for 20 years and they are beautiful people to photograph," he said.

"I have watched their children grow and seen the family change over the years, we have shared many tender moments together.

"When Crown Prince Frederik turned 50, I took a strong portrait cover of him that graced magazine covers that is one of my favourite pictures of him. It shows his maturity. I have photographed Crown Princess Mary and her babies and been privileged to share in their special moments."

Ole Henriksen and Steen Evald.

SKIN CARE

Danish skincare guru Ole Henriksen met Princess Mary during her first pregnancy with eldest son Crown Prince Christian when she called on him for advice.

This sparked a long friendship and he has since advised the royal on the correct products to use and how to enhance her natural radiance.

Mr Henriksen described their initial encounter as one where he was "mesmerised by her beautiful smile and stunning sense of style".

While he is now based in Los Angeles, his luxurious products are regularly delivered to Amalienborg Palace.

Henriette Ellermann-Kingombe

LADIES IN WAITING

Over the years, Princess Mary has had several ladies-in-waiting, who organise her work diary, accompany the royal to high-profile events and assist her during engagements.

For seven years, this prestigious role was held by Tanja Doky, who is said to have struck up a firm and lasting friendship with the royal.

After Ms Doky left the role, former barrister Christine Pil Hansen stepped into her shoes.

She held the role for several years before being appointed private secretary and lady-in-waiting in 2015,.

In that position, she helped organise the royal's ever-expanding work diary, accompanied her to high-profile events and assisted her during engagements.

In 2021, Ms Pil Hansen left the royal household and returned to her job as deputy head of the Department of International Law in Denmark's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She was replaced by Henriette Ellermann-Kingombe, who previously worked in the Danish Prime Minister's Office and the Danish parliament.

She remains in the role.

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Competitors charge into the surf and it was Sam Askey-Doran, inset, who was first to finish the swim leg. Pictures: Chris Kidd

Triathletes make summer splash

Some of the state's best triathletes swam, cycled and ran themselves to the edge of exhaustion in the local summer series and in tuning up for the gruelling Ironman 70.3 next month.
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Scrapped Metro services won't be restored anytime soon

BRAKES ON BUS ROUTES

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Marguerite Atkinson, Carmel Campbell, Christine Hurley, Lorraine Sayers, Alex Darcey and Mary Darcey pay tribute to their friend Etta Donaldson. Picture: Chris Kidd

Friends' tribute to Etta, Mary's 'beautiful' mum

Amber Wilson

When Christine Hurley arrived in Hobart back in 1972, she met a "beautiful, caring, kind friend" who made a huge impact on her life.

That friend was Etta Donaldson, a fellow University of Tasmania secretary, and also unknowingly, the mother of a future queen.

Mrs Hurley, an English migrant, and Mrs Donaldson soon became firm friends – and remained so until the latter tragically died 25 years later without ever knowing such a wonderful fate lay in store for her daughter.

John and Etta Donaldson, in Hobart. Picture: Supplied

"I think she'd have been beside herself. I think she'd have been absolutely thrilled for what Mary has achieved, I really do," Mrs Hurley told the Mercury at an informal proclamation party in Sandy Bay on Sunday.

"I just wish she could have lived long enough to have enjoyed it.

"She was a beautiful lady. She wasn't a socialite, she was a beautiful, caring, kind friend who was very supportive and made a big difference to my life."

Mrs Hurley said Mrs Donaldson and her husband, university maths professor John, welcomed them into their lives when they arrived in Hobart, helping them settle in and find their way in a new country.

The two women worked together in offices across the hall from each other, for the university's deputy registrar and registrar respectively. During that time, Mrs Hurley would frequently witness her friend's young daughter, Denmark's future queen, excitedly tearing up and down the university administrative halls after school, asking her mother to take her horse riding.

Party host Lorraine Sayers said while she had never met the Donaldsons, she was a passionate constitutional monarchist and thought it would be "fantastic" to throw an event marking the proclamation of Tasmanian-born Queen Mary.

"We wish Queen Mary and King Frederik a long and happy reign," Mrs Sayers said.

"She does incredible things for the country. Mary might be a commoner but she's so regal. She's never lost touch with her roots. She comes back to Tasmania and sees her family; they holiday here."

Mrs Sayers put on a spread with food honouring both Denmark and Tasmania.

The table was adorned with everything from herring, open Danish sandwiches, home-cured gravlax and pastries made by local patisserie chef Jean Pascal, to the national dish of fried pork belly strips with potatoes.

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Kindness and grace: Family's warm words for Mary

Philip Young

Crown Princess Mary received a touching message from her Australian brother and sisters on the eve of her becoming Queen of Denmark.

In a statement released to the Mercury on Sunday by Mary's sister Jane Stephens, the love and support of her siblings was clearly on display.

"Over the past 20 years, we have closely followed as our sister and her husband have created a beautiful family and a loving home," the statement reads.

"Their unwavering dedication to their duties, both within Denmark and beyond its borders, is truly commendable.

"We know our sister will continue to display the same strength, kindness and grace in her new role beside her husband, King Frederik X.

"Today, Denmark is her home and the love and support she has been shown by the Danish people is testament to her character and we are deeply thankful for it."

Ms Stephens, who is close to Princess Mary and godmother to her eldest son Prince Christian, will represent the family in Denmark at the proclamation of Mary as Queen.

Jane, 58, a Hobart pharmacist, is the eldest of Mary's three siblings who include Patricia Bailey, 55, and John Donaldson Jr, 53.

Jane Stephens, right, greets her sister Mary, now Denmark's Queen, during a visit to Hobart in 2022. Picture: David Killick

Pensioners feel the pinch

Couple says cost of living increases in past 18 months 'have really hit us'

Rob Inglis

Robyn and Peter Miller of Bellerive. Picture: Chris Kidd

Bellerive pensioners Peter and Robyn Miller say increased cost of living pressures have "really hit us" as new research shows residents living on Hobart's Eastern Shore are feeling the pinch of rising grocery prices and ballooning power bills.

A study commissioned by Pembroke Labor MLC Luke Edmunds found that the price of groceries was putting pressure on the household budgets of 71 per cent of people in his electorate, while power bills and other utilities were a budgetary strain for 64 per cent of his constituents.

The research was conducted by social research firm Community Engagement, with about 200 people surveyed.

Mr Miller said he and his wife were "probably a little bit more fortunate than other pensioners" but hefty electricity bills had still "blown a hole" in their budget.

"The last 18 months especially really hit us," he said. "So someone who's on just a pension would be really struggling. I just can't see how they'd be handling it.

"I know there are rebates and that sort of thing but when you get a shock ... and [prices] go up so quickly, it must be tough for those people."

Mr Miller said he and Ms Miller put aside $50 a fortnight for their power bills but had last month paid an additional $350 for electricity on top of the money they had put away for that purpose.

Mr Edmunds said Tasmanians were being "smashed" by inflation and they "don't think it's going to get better".

"This is something that's happening around the state. People are struggling ... as far North-West as Smithton or up to Musselroe Bay in the North-East, people are not managing their bills easily," he said.

"People are getting pounded by the cost of living across the board."

The Labor MLC said the state government should cap power prices at increases of 2.5 per cent for all households and businesses, believing this would provide cost of living relief for Tasmanians struggling to make ends meet.

"What we're saying is the Tasmanian government does have one lever at its disposal and that's to cap power prices," he said.

Energy Minister Nick Duigan said Labor had promised to cap electricity prices when previously in government but hadn't followed through with it, despite pressure from the then Liberal Opposition.

"They didn't do it then and they won't do it now because there is no way of knowing what a policy like this would cost," he said. "It's a deeply, deeply irresponsible position from Labor. It has been described by their political insiders as a cruel hoax."

Mr Duigan said the government would work to put downward pressure on power prices by bringing new energy generation online.

Mavis Beattie, 92, proudly displays her champion Lilium at the Claremont Flower Show. Picture: Chris Kidd

At 92, Mavis proves a bloomin' champion

Tia Ewen

Mavis Beattie finds therapy in gardening, even with its physical demands.

But it's been more than just a hobby for the 92-year-old, who was crowned the grand champion of lilies at the Claremont Flower Show.

"I'm very pleased about it but somewhat amazed. I'm not an expert, it's just a happy accident," she said.

Mrs Beattie, who has been part of the Derwent Valley Garden Club for more than two decades, won six awards at the show. Four were for her prized lilies, and two for her flower she fondly calls a "lavender shower".

"I've been doing this a long time and you learn a few tricks," she said.

"The secret to showing flowers is in the presentation. You choose blooms that are not weathered by the sun or the wind and I give mine a teaspoon of sugar and aspirin in the water."

But while she has spent a lot of time nurturing the blooms in her garden, it has been a haven of healing for the toughest moments in her life.

"Marjorie Bligh, who is famous for her recipe and garden books – she wrote in the front of one of her books: 'What is a garden?'," she said.

"It tells you a garden can be demanding, but she also says a garden is therapeutic.

"When we lost our son when he was 10 days off from turning 17 back in 1977, we were just devastated. I remember the both of us crying and we were down in the garden pulling weeds and we just focused on the garden."

When Mrs Beattie lost her beloved husband Dennis 10 years ago, she resorted back to her garden for comfort.

"Gardening is therapeutic," she said. "Den bought me a little ute so I could take my weeds to the tip because I couldn't drive his four-wheel-drive."

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I've thrown aside ADHD issues

Kit Harington shot to fame as Jon Snow in HBO's hit fantasy series Game of Thrones.

However, the 37-year-old's time in the limelight caused him to struggle with mental health issues and alcoholism.

Harington entered rehab back in 2019 for alcoholism. Now, he has revealed he was diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) while there.

"I realised that my life was hinging on this. Luckily it was the right place at the right time. I managed to forge a new life from there," the British actor divulged on a recent episode of the wellness podcast, Hidden 20%.

Harington admitted to host Ben Branson that he "entered rehab drunk, sobered up in there and went, 'Not this, not you guys in a circle. No, thank you.'"

The *GOT* star – the series still airs locally on Binge – explained he was in a different rehab clinic before he went to an American facility. The second place was where he was made aware of his ADHD.

"And I left that pretty quick and said, 'I'll try to deal with this by myself,' which didn't work after about four years," he sighed. But now, the Eternals star said, he's "sober and present", focused on being a dad to his two young children.

Kit Harington as Jon Snow.

New wrinkle in ageing

Some day there could be a way to prevent wrinkles – in time.

It's been long believed that wrinkles were simply caused by the ageing process – and exacerbated by ultraviolet light from the sun – but bacteria may actually be to blame, according to some "groundbreaking" new research.

The Center for Microbiome Innovation at the University of California San Diego teamed up with L'Oréal Research and Innovation for the study, published in the journal Frontiers, which found that wrinkles are linked to the skin microbiome, which is the collection of microorganisms that inhabit our skin.

The findings explain why the ageing process is not uniform, as some folks of the same age look older than others.

Scrapped bus services won't be restored any

METRO SERVICES REMAIN STALLED

The Committee for Greater Hobart Chair Dan Norton. Picture: Caroline Tan

Crystal Dalwood is a regular on Metro buses and finds that other passengers can sometimes be rude to the drivers. Picture: Caroline Tan

Rob Inglis

Metro Tasmania is still "a way off" from restoring its 180 suspended services amid an ongoing bus driver shortage, with the government business unable to say when exactly it will return to full capacity.

On August 28 last year, Metro indefinitely scrapped a swath of its less popular Greater Hobart services as it dealt with a lack of drivers – a problem, it said, that was afflicting the transport sector across the country.

Rail, Tram, and Bus Union Tasmanian branch secretary Byron Cubit said progress was being made towards resolving the issues plaguing Metro but there was still "a long way to go" before the situation was improved.

"We still have concerns ... with workplace culture issues at Metro. At the moment, drivers can't tell if Metro management is on their side," he said.

"If drivers don't feel supported in the workplace, then they're simply not going to hang around, and Metro won't be able to restore the cancelled services."

Mr Cubit said the three key issues behind the crisis at Metro were safety, pay, and workplace culture, and acknowledged that the state government's promised pay rise for drivers had been delivered after negotiations with the union and Metro late last year.

"Driver safety is a work in progress. The transit officer trial program has been a positive, and we have worked constructively with Metro on the 'It's Not OK' [anti-social behaviour] awareness campaign," he said.

Transit officers, who have the job of policing aggressive or offensive behaviour on buses, are expected to be rolled out more widely after the government funded an expansion of the program, as well as additional security screens to protect drivers.

A Metro spokesman said the company's recruitment drive was progressing well and its next intake of new drivers would begin later in January, with further intakes set for April and June.

"The temporary service adjustment, implemented in 2023, continues as planned. Metro will conduct a planned review of this in March 2024," he said.

"The adjustment allows our

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time soon as driver shortage bites

Plea to get serious on public transport

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A high-powered independent think tank seeking to help shape Hobart's future is training its focus on public transport after consistently hearing residents express their desire for safe, affordable and accessible alternatives to driving a car.

The Committee for Greater Hobart (CFGH), which officially launched in October last year, is the 23rd body to be formed under Australia's Committee for Cities model and is led by industry and community leaders.

Chair Dan Norton, the former secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, said the committee had recently hosted a transport scoping workshop, where members and stakeholders shared their views on the challenges and opportunities facing the region when it came to public transport and the city's car-centric culture.

"You get some particular areas where there's a deficit in public transport. People need local public transport, it's not [just] public transport from [the suburbs] to the city," he said.

"Half the time, it's just getting to the local doctor. All of a sudden, the whole concept of what public transport is in those areas is different from just a bus going from Bridgewater into the city."

CFGH CEO Danny Sutton said four principal themes had emerged from the committee's transport workshop: the need for a transport culture change; clarity around the sector's governance; and a focus on the social and environmental dimensions of transport.

"One of the key themes was that [public transport is] seen as a second-class alternative to the motor vehicle," he said.

"Unless you shift the culture and behaviour and can address some of these things that are preventing people from stepping onto buses, then you just get stuck."

Mr Sutton said the state government's plans for an expansion of the Derwent Ferry service and the introduction of a rapid bus transit network were positive but "ultimately it's about getting things off the ground".

"We seem to falter at that point often, whether it's funding or oversight. People want to see the results, they want to be involved in change. They don't want to sit back and just see a plan," he said.

The CFGH is currently incorporating participants' views from the transport workshop into a submission it will lodge as part of the consultation around the state government's Keeping Hobart Moving draft plan, which seeks to outline a long-term vision for the city's future transport system.

Just 6.4 per cent of journeys to work across Greater Hobart – which is the most car-dependent capital city in the country – are taken via public transport and the government is aiming to increase this to 10 per cent by 2030.

The public feedback period for the draft plan closes on January 31.

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customers more certainty when planning their bus travel and reduces the need for unscheduled dropped services each day."

The spokesman conceded there were still "unplanned dropped trips occasionally" due to "staff sickness or unplanned circumstances".

"The business is currently operating at around 85 per cent of our desired capacity," he said.

"While we are pleased with current interest and new recruits joining the business, Metro is still a way off from our full operating capacity, taking into account the required intensive training and on-road experience that our drivers need once hired."

Crystal Dalwood, 19, of Claremont, catches the bus to and from work in the city about five times a week.

She said her experience using public transport in Hobart was generally hassle-free.

"The buses are usually on time," Ms Dalwood said. "Sometimes they can be 5-10 minutes late but that doesn't happen very often for me."

She said she generally enjoyed her time on the bus, however, on Friday, a group of girls were being "really rude" to other passengers.

"[They were] throwing things and squirting people with water," she said.

"Sometimes people are rude to the drivers but I don't see that very often."

Steven Burgess, a transport planner and urban strategist who is the director of city-making consultancy Complete Streets, said he was confident Metro would return to full strength, noting that its bottom line had been decimated by the pandemic.

Mr Burgess said rapid bus transit – or "rocket routes" – would be a boon for Greater Hobart and would give people an incentive to use public transport.

"It doesn't necessarily need much more money, it just needs a new, modern, up-to-date network," he said.

The state government plans to establish rapid bus services on Hobart's northern, southern and eastern road corridors over the next decade.

Incentive aims to drive up EV sales

Rob Inglis

There is hope that a newly expanded state government scheme will incentivise more Tasmanians to invest in electric vehicles, with no-interest loans of up to $10,000 now available for people to install charging infrastructure in their homes and businesses.

The $50m Energy Saver Loan Scheme (ESLS) has been broadened to include electric vehicle (EV) chargers, in addition to already eligible energy-efficient products such as solar panels, heat pumps, induction and ceramic electric stovetops, and double glazing upgrades and insulation for existing buildings.

Loans can be issued for amounts between $500 and $10,000 and are for terms lasting between 1-3 years, requiring fortnightly or monthly repayments. The scheme is administered by energy financing business Brighte, and more than 3000 loans have already been approved.

Environment and Climate Change Minister Roger Jaensch said adding EV chargers to the scheme meant it would complement the government's Electric Vehicle Rebate, which provides $2000 grants for EV purchases.

"Now we have both the car and the charger covered. These incentives will help us get more cars off the road and reduce the number of trips we make using fossil fuels," he said.

Nathan Bourke, the director of Genr8 Electrical, a Latrobe business that offers home installation of EV chargers, said his customers were "excited" to have the opportunity to "reduce their expenses and their carbon footprint" through participating in the scheme.

Labor MLC Luke Edmunds described the ESLS as "fine" but said: "I think what Tasmanians want to see is action to make electricity use in households more affordable, not just for people who might have a Tesla," he said.

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Jack outlines AFL blueprint

Ex-star wants to see 'sense of cheekiness'

Ryan Rosendale

Tasmania Football Club ambassador Jack Riewoldt believes the fabric of the state's incoming AFL side needs to have an element of 'creativity and cheekiness'.

Following three successful community events at Moonah, Kettering and St Helens at the weekend, the roadshow will hit Oatlands this Friday before reaching Scottsdale and Launceston on Saturday and Sunday.

Another full house packed into the East Coast Swans clubrooms on Sunday to hear from both Riewoldt and former North Melbourne and Collingwood AFLW player Abbey Green.

Riewoldt, who announced his playing return on Friday with former club Clarence in the TSL this season, said it was the unique football stories told by Tasmanians right across the state that he hoped would make up the DNA of the incoming AFL club.

Jack Riewoldt on the AFL community engagement trail.

"It's really good seeing people wanting to have their say and wanting to be a part of the evolution of the football club and the beginning of the football club," Riewoldt said.

"(The reoccurring theme) is creativity and that sense of fun, and a little bit of cheekiness. The Rosebery canteen door had to be taken off because they had sold the stretcher the week before and someone needed to be stretched off the ground.

"It's those unique stories that may seem trivial or insignificant actually build up the fabric of who we are.

"You can't be too serious, there are elements of the need to be serious and professional but there is also that quirky and creative side of things that we want to capture in the fabric (of the club).

"We've had a great showing so far through the West and North-West coast of Tasmania and we look forward to hitting football heartland at Scottsdale and then into Launceston which has a rich football history."

It won't just be Riewoldt and Green at events with chairman Grant O'Brien adding that board members will also attend.

"It is so important to us that the club represents the Tasmanian community," Mr O'Brien said.

"Providing genuine opportunities for the community to contribute are key to that."

Registrations are open for the three events this week.

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CLARENCE BOOST, SPORT

Men's race winner Cameron Wurf impressed on the bike leg during the Seven Mile Beach Gala Day Triathlon on Sunday. Picture: Chris Kidd

Athletes push to limits

Whether pushing personal limits or preparing for the upcoming Ironman, Triathlon South's second triathlon in their summer series proved to be fiercely competitive, challenging even the most seasoned athletes.

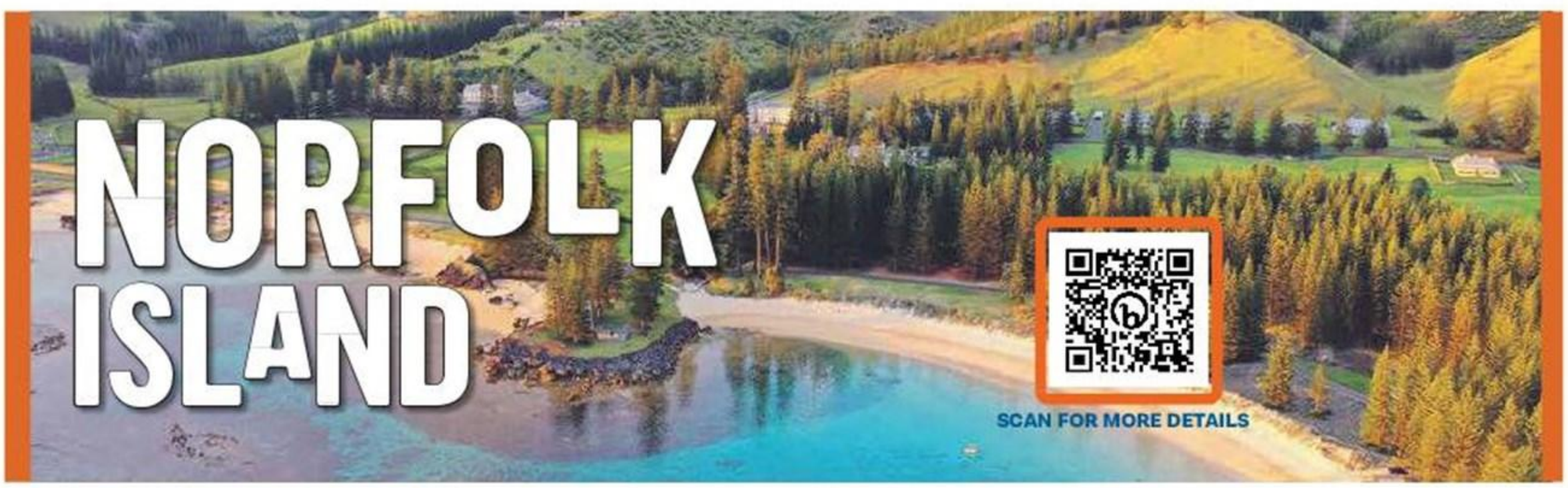
Cameron Wurf, a former national champion who represented Australia at the 2004 Athens Olympics in rowing, was crowned overall winner at the Triathlon Gala Day at Seven Mile Beach on Sunday. But he was pushed to the limit competing against a team with 15-year-old Jack Woodberry.

"You get a bunch of young and local guys that want to certainly make the race incredibly tough and challenging," Wurf said.

"Jack, he's a phenomenal runner, I didn't get close to him. I definitely tried to chase him down at the start, but he just ran away from me." Wurf is warming up for the upcoming European road cycling season and is setting his sights on a podium finish at the Ironman World Championships at Kona, Hawaii.

Meanwhile, powerhouse Mel Daniels was crowned the female open winner.

More than 100 athletes competed across three events, including 20 TryStar kids who participated in the short course.



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Herbert built this house for himself and Clara around 1901 from local and imported timbers. It was a typical layout for the time with two rooms, a kitchen at the back, and a wide verandah all around. The Baileys had five children, and in time they added three extra bedrooms and enclosed a section on the western side for Clara's sewing room – which now serves as the bar area.

Today, the house remains in the family, with Governor's Lodge now owned by a direct descendent of Fletcher Christian and the great nephew of Herbert and Clara Bailey's son, Dave Bailey.

Bailey's restaurant is open for dinner and happy hour daily, serving stunning modern Australian cuisine, and a high tea experience once a week called Bailey's Tea Party. Bailey's restaurant is a must-do dining destination.

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Experts to assess beached cocaine

A marine expert has been brought in by NSW Police to help detectives identify just how long the bricks of cocaine that washed up on beaches along the coast may have been in the ocean.

A total of 213kg of cocaine has now been collected on the shore between Sydney and the Newcastle, with almost 90kg of that washing up since the start of the New Year.

Police sources said that with many of the bricks of cocaine being covered in barnacles, an expert had been contracted to assist the State Crime Command's Organised Crime Squad in determining how long the cocaine had been in the water – which would in turn help them narrow down what shipment the drugs may belong to.

"They're going to assess the barnacles to tell us how old they are, which then should give us an idea of how long the bricks have been in the water," a source said.

The first bricks of cocaine washed up on Magenta Beach about 8pm on Friday, December 22.

Over the 48 hours that followed a total of 46kg had washed up on beaches up and down the coast, including Manly, Avoca, Blacksmiths, Pelican, Pentaloon and North Steyne.

The discovery of two large quantities on Boxing Day last year – one of a blue barrel at Barrenjoey Headland and another a black package at Newcastle Ocean Baths, both with approximately 39kg of cocaine in them – saw the total rise to more than 120kg.

A further 50kg then washed up at beaches, including North Bondi, between Christmas and the start of the New Year.

Some of the cocaine that has washed up has been protected by its packaging, while other bricks have been ruined with the salt water getting in.

Police are understood to be trying to link the cocaine to known importations.

Veteran journalist has love affair with Tassie

Hayes could happily call Hobart her home

Veteran journalist Liz Hayes, who has recently released her memoir, is looking forward to spending more time in Hobart. Picture: Nikki Davis-Jones

Amber Wilson

She has journeyed to some of the most hostile and heart-wrenching locations on the planet, but veteran television journalist Liz Hayes may one day call Hobart home.

After more than 40 years in the industry, including decades as an investigative globetrotter, Hayes is just as likely to be spotted in a sunhat these days, gently strolling Sandy Bay's beaches.

Tasmania has become a second home, thanks to her 20-year relationship with former 60 Minutes sound recorder Ben Crane, who hails from Hobart and with whom she makes almost monthly visits to the island.

But her visit to Tasmania last week came with a dual purpose, both to visit Crane's family and to promote her new book, I'm Liz Hayes.

Entitled as a subtle nod to her television sign-off, the memoir covers Hayes' life and astonishing media career – from her childhood in regional NSW to interviewing an Afghani war lord, risking her life in unruly mobs or suffering a full-scale panic attack in the depths of a Colombian emerald mine.

Much of her work has been deeply affecting, from interviewing the traumatised victims of the Lindt cafe siege to covering stories with people affected by poverty and disaster, and even having her crew shot at.

At 67, the Sydneysider has no plans yet of slowing down the pace with 60 Minutes or her cold case show, Under Investigation with Liz Hayes – but that doesn't mean she isn't thinking of a perhaps quieter-paced future in Tasmania.

"We find ourselves down here a lot, it's a second home down here," she told the Mercury.

"It's not a bad spot, is it?

"This could easily be my full-time home. I'm very comfortable here. I guess it gets quite cold – but I'm quite ready for it."

Hayes and Crane have a mission of visiting a new Hobart destination each time they visit – the Black Footed Pig to the Mount Nelson Signal Station, and a favourite spot of Bruny Island.

"I just love that there's refrigerated bread on the side of the road. The honesty system is still somehow or other working," she said.

That's not to say Hayes has rose-coloured glasses on when it comes to Tasmania. She's acutely aware of the state's health and hospital system problems, an issue experienced by much of regional Australia.

Hayes also commented on a problem she has encountered while covering Tasmanian stories – a disturbing lack of transparency in the state's political and judicial systems.

She said this wasn't a theme peculiar to Tasmania, having also come up against roadblocks to accessing information in South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia – but noted the trend was "a real concern".

"I think transparency makes us a better community and when we think someone is hiding something, there is a secret, it becomes to our courts and our police services, that makes people conspiratorial and it keeps us from the truth. I don't think that's a good thing," she said.

"I found that Tasmania is equally guilty on that front. There are cases down here where I don't understand why there are so many secrets."

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Jacqui goes wacky with fundraising offerings

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Simon McGuire

Most political party merchandise consists of stickers and T-shirts.

However, the Jacqui Lambie Network does things a little differently.

Stubby holders with cartoon versions of Senator Jacqui Lambie and soap shaped like a submarine are just some of the party's merch.

Senator Lambie described the products on offer as interesting.

"I guess the most unusual merch at the moment is my sub-on-a-rope," she said.

"It's going to be at least 30 years until we get our AUKUS subs. This way, Australians can have a scrub in the tub with their sub – try saying that quickly three times – right now.

"We don't take big donations from unions or big corporate donors, so we need to be

imaginative about fundraising."

Senator Lambie said the merch was selling well.

"It's ticking over. I don't think we'll be raising millions ... but I hope it gives people a laugh.

"The JacPac [which features an assortment of different merch] has sold well over Christmas. The merch that sells most consistently is my book."

Senator Lambie said people appreciated the merchandise.

"I'm not sure people would want to buy stuff that is only political," she said. "It's not just a logo slapped on a mug or T-shirt, although we have a couple of those.

"Most of it is cheeky and takes the mickey out of me – which I have absolutely no problem with."

Regarding future merchandise, Senator Lambie said the party was working on a knitted bomb with the letter F on it.

"A friend gave me 'F-bombs' for Christmas; I am always trying to swear less. A retired lady in Canada knits them; we have asked her to do some in our colours.

"Our margins are pretty small. I don't feel comfortable charging people a lot, so we just charge enough to cover our costs and have a little left over.

"All of the money we raise goes to support candidates. What I want is to give everyday Tasmanians who want to run a chance to represent their communities."

Senator Jacqui Lambie

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Tide turns for fish farming

Salmon industry takes heart from poll

Blair Richards

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Tasmania's peak body for the aquaculture industry has welcomed survey results showing increased support for salmon farming.

However, opponents of salmon farming say the results show a high level of community concern.

Tasmanians gave their views on the salmon industry as part of the Mercury's annual Big Issues Survey.

Of 2607 respondents, 65.21 per cent said they supported salmon farming in Tasmania. This was up from about 50 per cent support in the previous year's survey.

However, 61.5 per cent of respondents did not think the industry was adequately monitored. This was down from 78 percent in the previous survey.

Fifty-eight per cent of respondents said they ate Tasmanian farmed salmon.

Salmon Tasmania CEO Luke Martin said the survey results were a good sign.

"These results are encouraging and demonstrates a majority of Tasmanians support and understand the salmon industry, and that number is increasing, year on year," he said.

"The industry acknowledges we can do more to demonstrate and articulate to Tasmanians the high level of monitoring, science and reporting that our industry is guided by. This is something we are working hard to address.

"There is no doubt that activist groups spreading misinformation put doubt in some people's minds however, we are very proud of the fact that more than half the Tasmanians surveyed speak via their actions and enjoy eating the healthy, sustainable and delicious local produce that our Tasmanian farmers grow."

Neighbours of Fish Farming president Peter George said the result did not show high public confidence.

"The Mercury's uncontrolled survey reveals a level of concern among Tasmanians about caged salmon that will trouble industry and government. It highlights Primary Industries Minister Jo Palmer's confession last year that industrial salmon has lost its social licence," Mr George said.

"The result follows a controlled, scientific survey by uComms last year revealing 72 per cent of Tasmanians want the salmon industry out of the state's shallow, vulnerable coastal waters."

The federal government is conducting a review of salmon farming on the West Coast due to environmental damage to Macquarie Harbour.

Salmon farming, gillnet fishing, climate change and inflows from Hydro Tasmania power stations have been blamed for reduced oxygen levels in the harbour, which is the key factor behind the decline of the endangered Maugean skate.

Tasmania's Environment Protection Authority recently renewed environmental licences for salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour for two years.

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Pay rise 'key' to childcare places

Clare Armstrong
EXCLUSIVE

Families face higher childcare costs or a shortage of places for their kids if Labor does not commit funds to cover a much-needed wage increase for early educators.

Unions and employers currently at the negotiating table are still waiting on the federal government to indicate if, and how much, it is willing to contribute to a pay rise needed to help the struggling sector retain and attract more staff.

Jason Clare

The talks are the first major test of Labor's controversial multi-employer bargaining reforms, which the government previously championed as the ideal mechanism for low-paid sectors like childcare.

Sources familiar with the negotiations say if Labor fails to step up, childcare providers will have to pass on costs to families, or if an agreement can't be reached the sector will be unlikely to attract the staff needed to meet demand for places.

In a December 18 letter sent to unions, child care associations and employers involved in the negotiations, lawyers for the government said it would not be able to provide information about its position in February.

This leaves only weeks for an agreement to be reached in time for additional funding to be included in the May budget.

United Workers Union executive director of early education Helen Gibbons said a wage increase to help retain and attract extra staff was the "key" to unlocking more affordable childcare places.

"I don't think there's anybody across the sector that doesn't think that early educators should get a pay rise," she said.

Education Minister Jason Clare acknowledged more work was needed to retain childcare workers and keep the service available to families.

"We have cut the cost of child care and there are 14,000 more early childhood workers than there were 18 months ago, but there is still a lot more to do," Mr Clare said.

Smoking out the crims

Government's $188m boost to stop illegal tobacco imports

Jack Quail

A major crackdown to stem the illicit tobacco trade will be launched by the Albanese government to target the smuggling and sale of illegally imported cigarettes,

On Sunday, Treasurer Jim Chalmers announced a $188.5m boost deliver a new compliance program over the next four years, to tackle all aspects of the illicit tobacco trade.

Led by the Australian Border Force (ABF), in partnership with Commonwealth, state and territory governments, the funding will assist with targeting and disrupting illicit tobacco in source and transit countries before it reaches Australia.

Consumers can illegally purchase illicit cigarettes for as little as $20 for a pack of 20 at some vape stores, while at legal outlets, a similar product would cost roughly $50.

Under the new funding, the ABF will also introduce technological improvements, including artificial intelligence, to enhance the detection and disruption of illicit tobacco.

By official estimates, the forgone revenue to government coffers of the illicit activity is in excess of $3bn a year.

In 2024, authorities seized 1.7bn illegally imported cigarettes and almost 900 tonnes of loose leaf or "chop chop" tobacco products.

Dr Chalmers said the crackdown was intended to deter the consumption and distribution of illegal tobacco, and send a clear message to traffickers that their trade was a "serious crime".

"Illegal tobacco is more than a problem for the budget, it's a health challenge and it's a challenge to our border security," Dr Chalmers said.

"This new model strengthens our existing efforts by working in partnership with the states and territories and building on the Albanese government's tobacco excise package."

ABF head Michael Outram said his agency was committed to a hard-line stance on the illicit tobacco trade.

"We know illicit tobacco trade is systematically tied to serious and organised criminal groups, and we will work hand-in-hand with domestic and international partners to disrupt their activities," he said.

Authorities have blamed the illicit trade of tobacco as the reason behind a spate of tobacco store fire bombings in recent months, as rival syndicates vie for greater control of the lucrative market, which is then used to fund other illegal activities.

Health Minister Mark Butler said limiting illicit tobacco products was key to reducing the number of smokers.

"We cannot stand by and allow another generation of people to be lured into addiction and suffer the enormous health, economic and social consequences," he said.

Deputy opposition leader David Littleproud welcomed the measure but implored the government to increase regulation at the point of sale.

Kathleen Murray, of Sandford, stands on her award-winning lawn, now known as the 'world's ugliest lawn'. Picture: Supplied

Tassie home to 'world's ugliest lawn'

Jessica Wang

The accolade for the World's Ugliest Lawn has been awarded to a Tasmanian resident in a bizarre Swedish competition.

Dirt-ridden, pockmarked and dry, Kathleen Murray's garden took out the top prize, winning her a second-hand brown T-shirt donated by the 2023 winner which reads: "Proud owner of The World's Ugliest Lawn".

The competition, which began as a regional challenge in Sweden's Gotland island, aims to highlight the importance of water conservation, and stands against wasting water on keeping lawns lush and green.

The Sandford area, south-east of Hobart, is regularly hit by drought and water supply issues as its geography makes it difficult for the country to store groundwater.

Speaking to the ABC, Ms Murray said her entry was helped by three wild bandicoots who've taken over her property, decimating the greenery.

"I call them my wildlife of mass destruction, my WMDs," she said.

"I used to think they'd invaded my lawn but then I realised they'd actually liberated me from ever having to mow it ever again."

Games plans 'lagging'

Queensland's decision-makers have left it "too late" to build major new public transport infrastructure for the Olympic Games, but minor network changes could increase capacity and ease congestion, an advocate says.

The state government is being urged to develop and fast-track plans for major rail and bus upgrades with Brisbane's 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games now just eight-and-a-half years away.

Public transport expert Robert Dow of advocacy group Rail Back on Track warned southeast Queensland could miss out on the generational benefits of the Olympic Games if governments continued to play "petty politics" with major projects. Mr Dow said without major improvements, southeast Queensland would "collapse".

Succession's Sarah Snook

Emmy hopes for Aussie stars

Angie Raphael

Aussie television stars Sarah Snook and Elizabeth Debicki will be hoping to add Emmy Awards to their recent Golden Globe wins for Succession and The Crown, respectively, but both are facing stiff competition.

Snook is nominated for outstanding lead actress in a drama series for her celebrated performance in the critically acclaimed drama Succession.

She is competing against New Zealand actor Melanie Lynskey (Yellowjackets), Bella Ramsey (The Last of Us), Elisabeth Moss (The Handmaid's Tale), Sharon Horgan (Bad Sisters) and Keri Russell (The Diplomat).

Debicki won a Golden Globe for a supporting role on television in The Crown where she played the late Princess Diana. Her Emmy nomination is also for supporting actress in a drama series.

The first-time nominee faces competition from The White Lotus actresses Jennifer Coolidge, Meghann Fahy, Sabrina Impacciatore, Aubrey Plaza and Simona Tabasco, as well as Rhea Seehorn (Better Call Saul) and J. Smith-Cameron (Succession).

The 75th annual Emmy Awards will take place on Tuesday Australian time.

Date change? Call it a day

Two-thirds of Australians agree January 26 should remain as the date we celebrate

EXCLUSIVE
James Morrow

Fewer than one in five Australians want to change the date of Australia Day while nine in 10 citizens say they are "proud to be Australian," according to new polling.

The Institute of Public Affairs survey examined public attitudes to our national day.

While nearly two-thirds of us agree Australia Day should remain as January 26, those aged 18-24 are more ambivalent thanks to the "relentless indoctrination" of the schools system, the IPA said. According to the survey of over 1000 Australians, 63 per cent of respondents agreed with the statement "Australia Day should be celebrated on January 26."

Just 17 per cent disagreed, while 20 per cent had no opinion. The results closely track with previous annual IPA surveys which found similar majorities agreeing that Australia Day should remain the 26th.

The support for the day comes despite ongoing controversy around Australia Day, which marks the 1788 landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove. Last week, supermarket giant Woolworths sparked calls for a boycott against it after it said it would not sell Australia Day merchandise this year due to lack of demand and a "wider discussion" about what the day means to people.

Earlier this month it was revealed that at least 81 local councils across the country had decided to move their citizenship day ceremonies away from Australia Day after being given the green light by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

The survey, conducted by polling firm Dynata, found that celebrating Australia Day on January 26 was only controversial among 18-24 year olds, with just 42 per cent agreeing that the date should be kept.

However, a majority in every bracket of voters older than 25 agreed that the date should stay the same, with 61 per cent of 25-34 year olds agreeing with the current Australia Day and 71 per cent of those over 55.

Greater numbers agreed they were proud to be Australian (87 per cent) and that Australian history was something to be proud of (69 per cent).

"Australia is the greatest nation on earth. Our way of life and freedoms are the envy of the world, and they must be cherished and celebrated," IPA deputy executive director Daniel Wild said.

"It is concerning just 42% of those aged 18-24 support Australia Day on January 26.

"This is a direct result of relentless indoctrination taking place at schools and universities (however) a strong majority of younger Australians beyond the years of formal education support our national day.

"You can hardly blame young Australians for having a negative view of their country given they are continually told it is not worth celebrating or fighting for."

NSW upper house member Rachel Merton said it was important to keep Australia Day on the 26th because it's the day that "we celebrate the miracle of modern Australia".

"We recognise the incredible courage and vision of Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet, and give thanks for the privilege of living in the world's greatest democracy."

Overseas trips now 'priority'

Australians have travelled across the country in their highest numbers since the pandemic, despite wild weather impacting popular destinations in Queensland, tourism operators say.

But the industry says inbound international tourism is not meeting expectations, because a lack of airline capacity, exacerbated by Australians prioritising overseas travel in the wake of the pandemic, was acting as a roadblock.

Flight Centre data shows that domestic travel bookings increased by 2 per cent from the previous year, and the Gold Coast, Ballina-Byron and Tasmania were the most popular destinations, while demand for Western Australia, Uluru and Alice Springs also surged.

The operator of Discovery Parks and G'Day Parks, G'day Group said bookings in WA were up 20 per cent from the previous year, and South Australia also did well as it saw more budget-conscious holiday-makers.

Flight Centre chief executive Graham Turner said that the small spike in domestic tourism was dwarfed by a 15 per cent bounce in international booking over the Christmas period.

"People are still catching up from the Covid era where they couldn't fly and are prioritising international trips," Mr Turner said.

Taiwan's presidential-elect from the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) Lai Ching celebrates with supporters at a rally. Picture: Annabelle Chih/Getty Images

Albo's balancing act on Taiwan

Amanda Sheppeard

Australia faces a delicate balancing act in supporting Taiwan's new democratically elected government with its desire to stabilise relations with China, says a senior analyst.

And he has warned that the election result will not end China's determination to force the country into unification – a quest that he believes will likely result in a "major power war".

Dr Malcolm Davis, a senior analyst at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, said Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese would be under pressure to improve ties with the new government in Taiwan, while balancing his commitment to stabilise relations with China.

"I think that there will now be added incentive and pressure on the Albanese government to improve ties with the new DPP (Democratic Progressive Party) government," he said.

After a campaign marked by diplomatic pressure from Beijing and near-daily incursions by Chinese fighter jets, Lai Ching beat his nearest rival Hou Yu-ih of the KMT on Saturday by more than 900,000 votes.

In his victory speech at a rally, 64-year-old Mr Lai, congratulated voters for refusing to be swayed by "external forces" trying to influence the election.

He said he wanted to co-operate with China – Taiwan's biggest trade partner – and maintain peace and stability, but pledged not to be cowed by Chinese belligerence.

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Hamas 'targets' Europe

Mossad foils plot to attack Israeli embassy in Sweden

TEL AVIV: A Hamas terror plot targeting Israel's embassy in Sweden and Jewish sites in Europe has been thwarted by Israeli intelligence agencies Mossad and Shin Bet, according to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The network, allegedly orchestrated by Hamas commanders in Lebanon, had plans for more attacks in Europe, involving the acquisition of drones and collaboration with European criminal organisations, Israel said.

:"Israel had discovered details on theatres of operation, terror targets, and on those involved in carrying out attacks

Benjamin Netanyahu

— from Hamas commanders in Lebanon to the last of the attackers in the operational infrastructure," Mr Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

This revelation follows a series of uncovered plots in Europe in recent weeks.

In December, European authorities arrested Hamas cells in Denmark, Germany, and Holland, suspecting their involvement in plotting attacks on Jewish targets.

Danish police found seven individuals linked to a foiled terror attack in December had Hamas connections, confirming Mr Netanyahu's assertion about Hamas expanding its operations into Europe.

"The alleged connection to Hamas confirms that the threat against Denmark is serious, but luckily we have a strong police and intelligence service doing their best to protect us every day," Danish Justice Minister Peter Hummelgaard said.

Meanwhile, Mr Netanyahu doubled down on his vows to defeat Hamas, as the UN marked the 100th day of the war, saying it was "staining humanity".

"The massive death, destruction, displacement, hunger, loss and grief of the last 100 days are staining our shared humanity," the head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, said in the Gaza Strip.

And the International Court of Justice in The Hague last week heard arguments in a case launched by South Africa accusing Israel of breaching the UN Genocide Convention.

But Mr Netanyahu insisted no court or military foe could stop Israel from destroying Hamas.

"No one will stop us – not The Hague, not the Axis of Evil and no one else," he said.

"It is possible and necessary to continue until victory, and we will do it," he said, claiming most Hamas battalions in Gaza had been "eliminated".

Health officials in Gaza said recent Israeli strikes killed at least 60 people, while Israel said it struck dozens of rocket launchers that were "ready to be used" in central Gaza.

US sends 'message' to Iran on Houthis

SANAA: The US launched fresh strikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen as President Joe Biden said he had delivered a "private message" to Iran about its links to the group.

The strikes came a day after US and British forces hit scores of targets in Yemen, heightening fears that Israel's war with Palestinian Hamas militants could engulf the region.

The Houthis, who say they are acting in solidarity with Gaza, have carried out missile and drone attacks on what they deem Israeli-linked shipping on the key Red Sea trade route.

Joe Biden

Iran is suspected of supplying the Houthis with weapons and intelligence, but Tehran denies involvement. Nevertheless, Mr Biden said his government had given Iran a message.

"We delivered it privately and we're confident we're well-prepared," he said.

US Central Command said its forces attacked a Houthi radar site early on Saturday as "a follow-on action" related to the previous day's strikes.

A Houthi-allied military source said a site on the outskirts of the Red Sea port city of Hodeida which the rebels used to launch a rocket was hit.

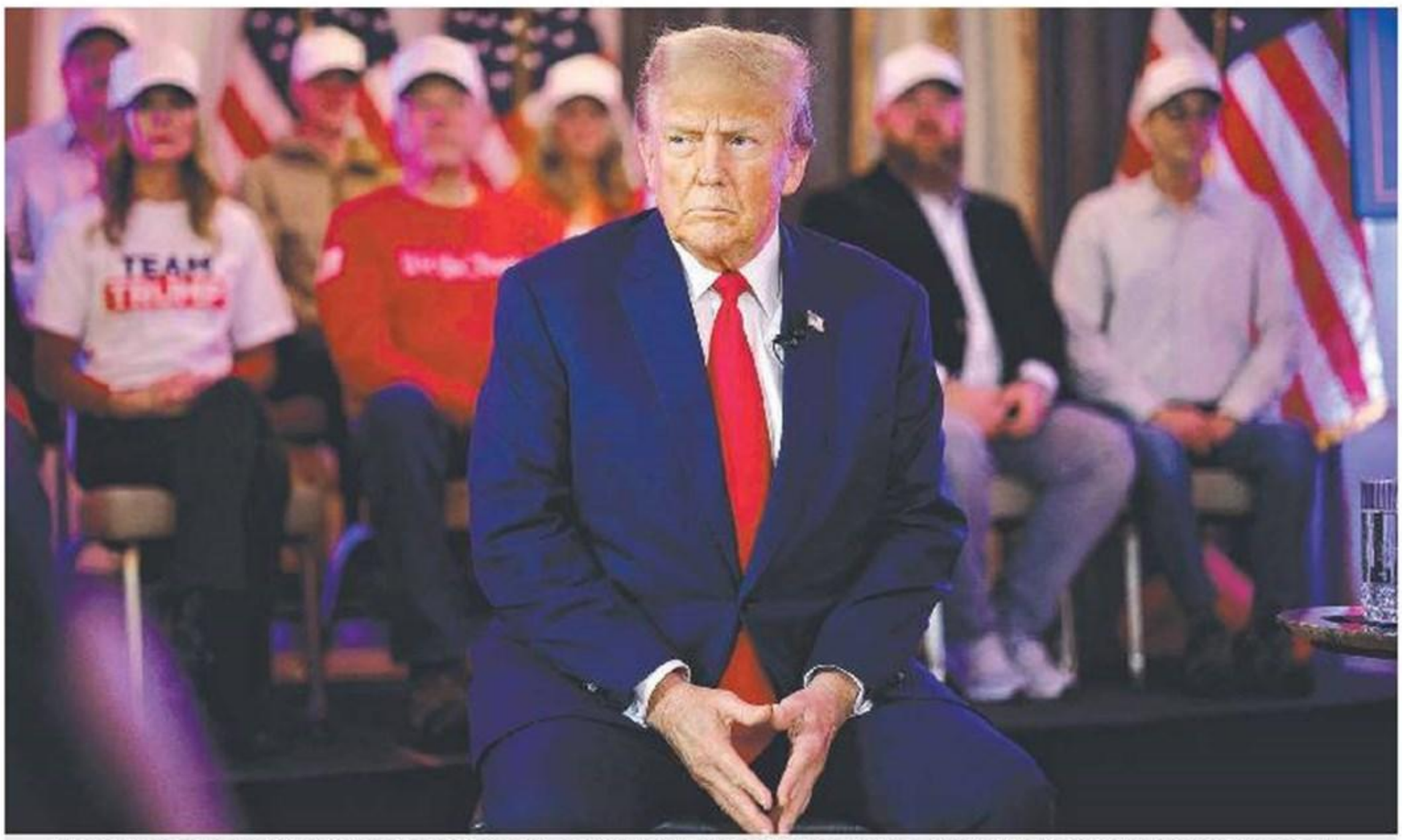
The Houthis' official media earlier said Al-Dailami airbase in Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa had been struck in the latest bombardment.

Rebel forces in north Sanaa had shut the area around the airbase and only residents with permits from neighbourhood chiefs were allowed to enter.

UN special envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg urged "all involved" to avoid actions that would endanger maritime trade and "fuel regional tensions at this critical time".

Mr Grundberg noted "with serious concern" the impact of the "increasingly precarious regional context" on Yemen and called for diplomacy to be prioritised.

Britain, the United States and eight allies - including Australia - said strikes on Friday aimed to "de-escalate tensions", but the Huthis vowed to continue their attacks.



Sub-zero temperatures and blizzards forced Donald Trump into an indoor 'telerally' in Des Moines as the Iowa caucuses kick off the US election year. Picture: Getty

Election heats up in frigid Iowa caucuses

DES MOINES: Voters will venture into sub-zero temperatures on Monday to kick off the Republican presidential nomination race with the Iowa caucuses, the first major test of whether runaway front-runner Donald Trump is as much of a sure thing as he appears.

With a commanding lead in polls, the ex-president is expected easily to win the Midwestern state's first-in-the-nation vote as he bids to be the Republican standard-bearer against President Joe Biden in November.

But Iowans may have to contend with the coldest conditions in the modern era of presidential election campaigns, with blizzards and a potential wind chill of minus 32 degrees.

Trump and his leading rivals, Nikki Haley and Ron DeSantis, were forced to cancel appearances because of the weather as the threat to the turnout added intrigue to the campaign.

Despite his poll strength, Trump's multiple legal cases still hang over him.

"If DeSantis's massive ground effort, coupled with a recent Haley surge, can drag Trump under 50 percent by several points, that will be the first meaningful sign that Trump can be defeated," said political analyst Alex Avetoom.

Buried alive in landslide

BOGOTA: At least 33 people have been killed in landslides in Colombia, including many who had taken shelter in a house after the road they were travelling on was cut off.

"I deeply regret the death of 33 people in this tragedy, mostly children, according to preliminary reports," vice president Francia Marquez wrote on social media.

Firefighters, soldiers and local residents slogged through deep mud and debris in hopes of finding survivors, while relatives stood nearby.

Many travellers had left their cars to take shelter in a house near the municipality of Carmen de Atrato.

"But unfortunately, a landslide came and buried them," said a local official.

Images on social media showed part of a mountain breaking loose and crashing down onto a line of cars.

Soldiers patrol Ecuador's streets

Hostages freed as chaos reigns

QUITO: More than 40 Ecuador prison officials taken hostage by inmates have been freed, as the country grapples with a brutal campaign of gang terror.

The 24 guards and 17 administrative employees had been released, the SNAI prisons agency said, while 133 guards and three employees continue to be held hostage.

The workers were taken captive after President Daniel Noboa last week launched a military takedown of criminal groups, sparking a deadly confrontation with narco gangs.

The crisis was triggered by the escape from Guayaquil prison of one of the country's most powerful narco bosses, Jose Adolfo Macias, followed by prison riots, hostage-taking and attacks on police.

At least 19 people have died in the violence, including a guard killed on Saturday in clashes with inmates in El Oro near the border with Peru.

According to the latest official report, 859 suspects have been arrested, 25 escaped detainees have been recaptured, five "terrorists" shot dead and 57 kidnapped people have been released.

A chilling video filmed in Machala prison shows the corpse of a prisoner wrapped in plastic thrown into the street from inside the jail.

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GENUINE FAIRYTALE

Missing piece is Mary's mum

Perhaps it's true that every little girl dreams of becoming a princess.

But surely few women would dream of becoming a queen – we're far too grounded in reality by the time we reach adulthood to indulge in a fantasy of such magnitude.

A leader of women and men. An emblem. The face of a nation.

Yet Hobart-born Mary Donaldson has achieved that very honour – and will rule over the ancient Nordic country of Denmark, theoretically for many decades to come.

She'll follow in the footsteps of legendary Danish rulers, including some so historic and magnificent we don't know for sure that they even existed, like Ragnar Lodbrok and Sigurd Snake-in-the-eye.

But this isn't an episode of Vikings, this is bona fide history-in-the-making, and it's being made by a girl who grew up in Taroona and went to local public schools, Taroona High and Hobart College.

Back home in Tasmania, us common folk were all staying up late to watch the proclamation and crack open a bottle of Jansz in celebration – this kind of event is almost too fantastical to be true.

If only Mary's mum could see it.

Henrietta (Etta) Donaldson died in 1997 at just 55 – only a few years older than Queen Mary is now.

The tragedy, the result of complications from heart surgery, occurred a few years before Mary even met Crown Prince Frederik at a Sydney pub.

Etta never knew the fairytale-like story that lay in store for her daughter, never got to meet her grandchildren, and never knew she was the mother of Denmark's next monarch.

Christine Hurley met Etta in 1972, shortly after Mary's birth.

"I think she'd have been beside herself. I think she'd have been absolutely thrilled," Mrs Hurley told the Mercury. "I just wish she could have lived long enough to have enjoyed it."

The truth is that none of us know what is around the corner, great sadness or great blessings.

Perhaps that's evidenced nowhere better than in the story of Mary herself – a young woman struck by tragedy, only to experience the kind of fairytale that little girls dream of, and that adult women wouldn't dare.

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Letters

Hurricanes need to get recruiting right

Another poor season for the hapless Hurricanes. While the enthusiasm of Nikhil Chaudhary was a revelation, and Nathan Ellis gave his all as captain, they were sadly let down by poor performances from most of their teammates.

Patrick 'Hooley' Dooley no longer holds the mystique he once did, Tim David appears to be satisfied once his score reaches the 20s, and the bowling lacked any real depth.

The less said about the English and Kiwi imports the better.

Gracefully accepting defeat is a sign of good sportsmanship.

Nevertheless, the Hurricanes' brains trust need to be held to account over their recruitment and selection decisions. Aside from Stuart Broad, no other international player springs to mind as having been a winner while with Hobart.

Great players such as Kumar Sangakkara, Dawid Malan and David Miller inexplicably and repeatedly failed, while Zac Crawley achieved only sporadic success.

I also question the franchise's attitude towards homegrown players.

Why are Beau Webster and Jono Wells, proven BBL performers, playing interstate? And why is Jarrod Freeman, a star in the Sheffield Shield, not part of the set-up?

Hopefully next season will see a better targeted recruitment strategy that casts aside mediocre mainland club cricketers and bloods emerging local talent.

Whoever, I will pay my good money to try and give our team a kick on.

M B Maloney
Battery Point

Nathan Ellis has been a wholehearted performer for the Hurricanes in an otherwise disappointing BBL season, one letter writer suggests. Picture: Getty

Wasted grants

The state government is giving grants towards the purchase of electronic mobility devices (Mercury, Jan 11) that will make no difference to traffic congestion, and are propelled by batteries that are made using some nasty substances, require regular recharging, and have a propensity to burst into flames.

On that basis, an even more generous scheme can be expected for purchasers of conventional, human-powered, bicycles, and surely my 100 per cent reimbursement for my latest walking shoes is in the mail. Had these grants been restricted to those who actually need these devices, eg. invalid pensioners, there may have been enough money to provide, free of charge, devices that would massively improve people's lives.

Andrew Hejtmanek
Howden

Silent and deadly bikes

Recently, the state government banned petrol powered bicycles, an understandable reaction to the plethora of these things on the roads.

Unfortunately, in response the hoons have gone electric, and I would have grave doubts that it would have anything to do with trying to meet any government emissions targets.

I was recently travelling at night along Clarence St, a 60km/h limit zone, when I was overtaken by one intrepid daredevil with no lights and who must have been doing around 80km/h. I didn't even know he was there until he completed his overtaking manoeuvre and appeared in my headlights.

At least you could hear them coming before, now it's silent, and deadly.

Stuart Cox
Howrah

Australia Day celebrations have become a divisive issue in the community.

Hot Topic

Day of significance

There was something very significant for all Australians that happened on January 26. No, not the arrival of Captain Cook. (That happened on April 28, 1770). And no, not the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788. (That was January 18 in Botany Bay; they later moved to Sydney Cove on January 26.)

Australia came of age as a nation on January 26, 1949, when the "Nationality and Citizenship Act, 1948" was first enacted.

From that date onwards, First Nations peoples and immigrants from many nations were called Australians, and travelled with Australian passports.

We were no longer British subjects. This must be the best date for citizenship awards ceremonies and for celebrating Australia Day.

Mary and Kent Rayner
Mt. Nelson

Keep the date

On January 26, 1949, the Australian Nationality and Citizenship Act (1948) came into force, giving all Australians, regardless of origins or ethnicity, or anything else, the same rights and privileges, the same duties and responsibilities. It seems to be a good enough reason to keep Australia Day on January 26. The fact that Arthur Philip moved from Botany Bay to Sydney on that date is purely incidental.

At the same time, I would suggest that the Australia Day holiday should always be celebrated on the Monday nearest to January 26, so as to avoid it falling midweek, or during a weekend.

John Solomon
Taroona

City out of step

I'm so excited. Very much looking forward to Australia Day with the citizenship ceremony welcoming people into the Australian family, the City of Hobart festive barbecue with lamb chops sizzling drawing the community together, the council promoting sporting activities, bunting

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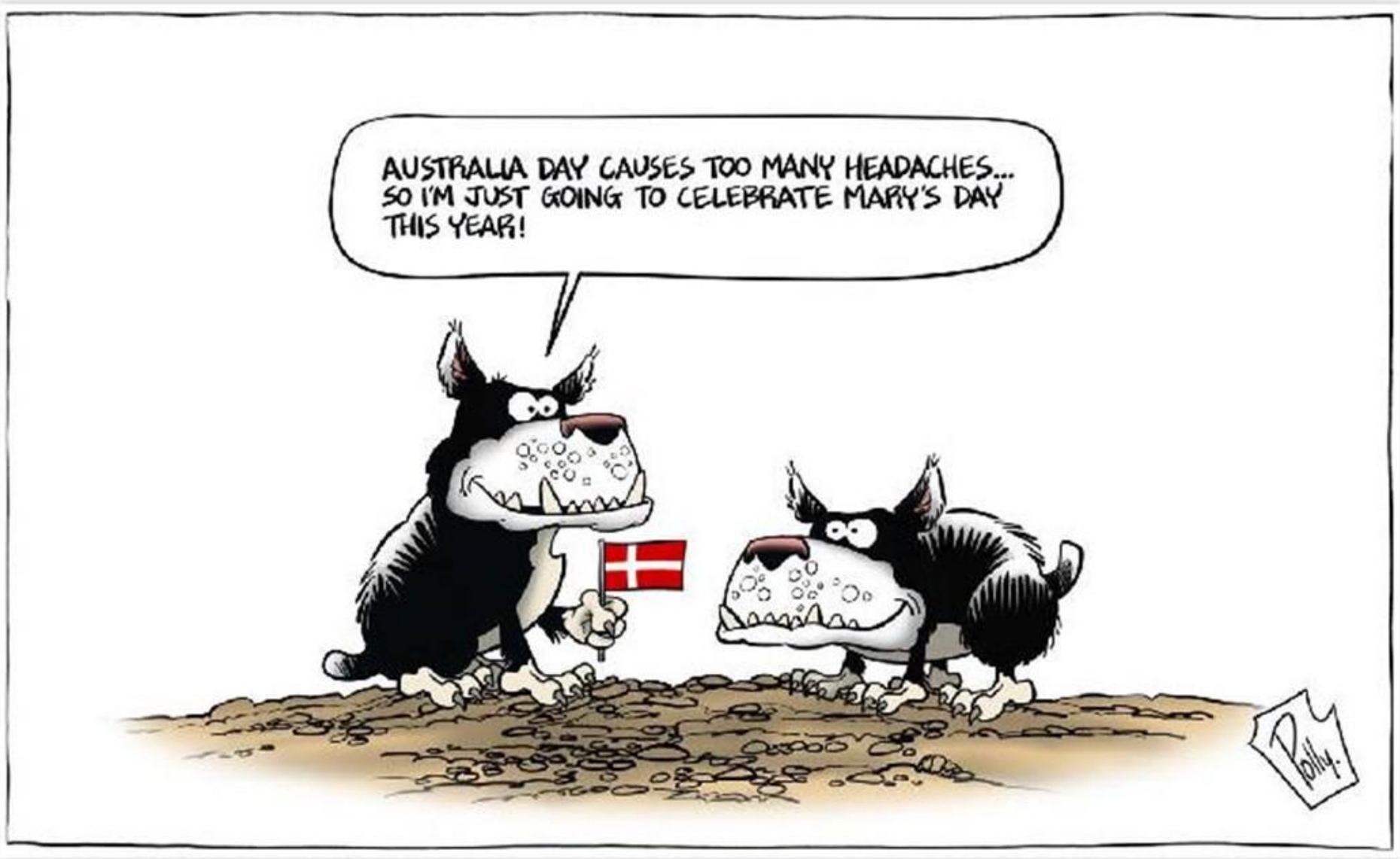

Bred for slaughter

Decade after decade there is an expose of the abysmal and endemic cruelty performed at slaughterhouses, then there is a flurry of indignation, promises are made, investigations pursued then it is forgotten and continues.

These hapless creatures are bred specifically to appease the habit of the human palate. It is egregious and wicked. These animals have minds, hearts, brains, a nervous system and feelings just like us. They are parents and offspring. When will the average shopper stop and spare a thought of the misery and wickedness they are ingesting.

Melegueta Mattay
Geilston Bay

Take care in sun

As the summer sun intensifies, so does the delayed encroachment of skin cancer. Former and current surfers for example, who live for the ocean, are now unfortunately incurring skin cancers in various forms and intensity.

When coconut oil was once used by some as a tanning lotion, and sunburn a common occurrence, the unsupervised beach barbecue was not the only summer disaster.

The 1981 "Slip, Slop, Slap" SunSmart campaign, now "Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide" public skin cancer prevention campaigns cogently underline that "no tan is worth dying for".

Kenneth Gregson
Swansea

Doubts over tram bid

Is it really worth having a tourist tram from Cornelian Bay to the not yet agreed to stadium – which may not even happen if many of us have our way? (Mercury, January 10) Who would ride this tiny stretch of track that is an easy 4km walk, cycle or scooter for most. Shouldn't any tram track be further out to Glenorchy, Mona or beyond?

It may be a fun ride as a one-off, but I can see little ongoing local support once it's been ridden.

For a tram to be viable it would need constant patronage from locals as much as from tourists, year-round.

Paul Merhulik
Blackmans Bay

Give White control

Rebecca White must inform the federal executive of the Labor Party she must be given greater control in the selection of candidates for the 2025 election. Following the disasters Labor faced under the late Jack Lang, premier of NSW twice, then dismissed by Governor Sir Phillip Game, Labor had to rebuild. Sir William McKell travelled around NSW and selected candidates and won office later becoming Governor-General, appointed by then Prime Minister Chifley.

Ms White has the runs on the board and she has proven this by insisting Dean Winter be selected, and he outpolled David O'Byrne in Franklin at the last state election.

Recent polling suggests Labor will win 27 per cent of the vote, this must concern the national secretary. He did not heed the advice over the referendum, and now, he must listen to Ms White.

Brian. P Khan
Bridport

BIBLE TEXT

For [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:13-14

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on the Town Hall and councillors and ratepayers alike celebrating everything that is good about Australia. Oh dear, What a disappointment. I live in Hobart and that is not going to happen. Oh well, I shall have to make do with witnessing the expression of HCC disdain of Australia, Australian values, the Australian people who made Australia what it is today. Worse still, the disdain of clear expression of the electorate when it reaffirmed that no one group in Australia is any better or privileged than any other group.

What is even more worse, is unedifying re-affirmation by some councillors that their personal view of the world is far more important than representing the views of their constituents or, indeed, fixing the pothole outside my house.

Max Watson
Sandy Bay

Change led by radicals

In surveys done the vast majority of Australians support January 26 as our national day, Australia Day.

Yet a minuscule, radical section of the Aboriginal community and their hangers-on make so much noise annually about it being a day that should not be celebrated, calling it Invasion Day. Now 80 or so local councils, Woolworths, Big W and Aldi, so far, have basically cancelled Australia Day without consultation with their ratepayers, customers and staff because they are intimidated by this group. Soon the federal government will bow down to the constant pressure and cancel January 26 as our national day. How will we celebrate our great multicultural nation, which includes the Aboriginal community, then?

I cannot understand why the majority of Australians who support our national day don't make more noise in support of it. Once again the radical few are forcing their politics on to the vast majority. Please Australia, don't become like a mob of sheep and be so easily led.

Alan Leitch
Austins Ferry

Nala in the minority

I see Nala Mansell is on the bandwagon again about changing the date of Australia Day.

Ms Mansell claimed she had 4000 attend a street march in Hobart last year, and about 200 in Devonport. Our population in Tasmania in December 2021, was 569,825.

So, in that sense, Ms Mansell is representing 0.7 per cent of our population. I don't think there are too many people supporting her campaign.

Wayne Cobbing
Oakdowns

ON THIS *day*

69 Roman Emperor Servius Sulpicius Galba, who succeeded Nero in 68AD, is assassinated by the Praetorian Guard in the Roman Forum.

1559 Elizabeth I is crowned Queen of England.

1790 Mutineers aboard the ship HMS Bounty and their Tahitian partners arrive at Pitcairn Island, where they hope to establish a colony.

1797 James Hetherington, a London haberdasher, is fined for wearing his newest creation, the top hat.

1834 A mutiny on Norfolk Island by 162 convicts, is put down by the captain of the guard, Foster Fyans. Two convicts are killed, seven are fatally injured and another 13 will hang.

1894 Australia's first steel rolling mill opens at the Eskbank Ironworks, near Lithgow.

1922 The Irish Free State is established under Michael Collins.

1943 The Pentagon is completed in Washington.

1967 The Rolling Stones appear on The Ed Sullivan Show on US TV network CBS. CBS critics don't like words to the song, Let's Spend the Night Together, so order the group to change the words to Let's Spend Some Time Together.

2001 Wikipedia, a free internet-based encyclopaedia that operates under an open-source management style, debuts. It was founded by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger.

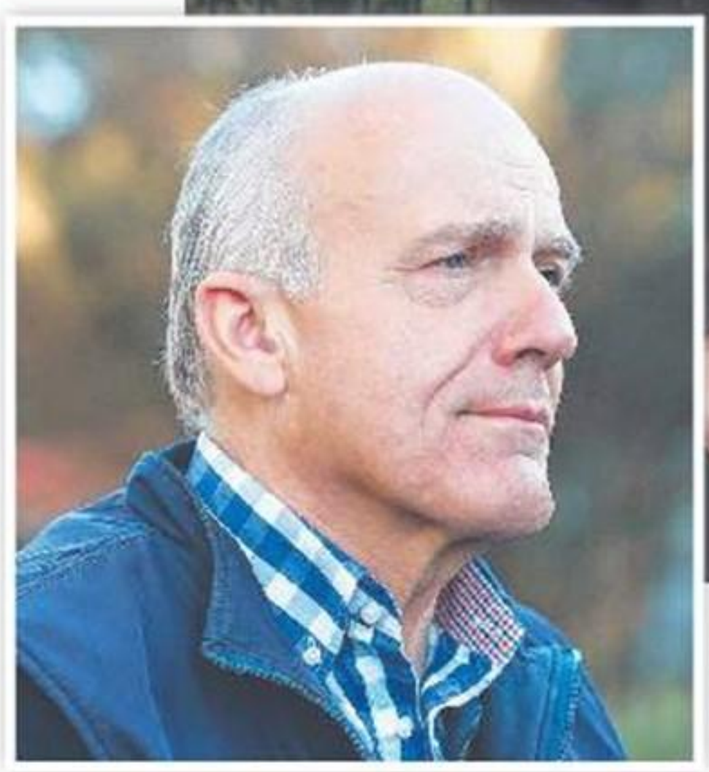
2008 Sea Shepherd activists Giles Lane and Benjamin Potts are detained on Japanese whaling vessel Yashin Maru No 2 after jumping aboard in protest against whaling in the Southern Ocean.

2009 US Airways flight 1549, piloted by Captain Chesley ("Sully") Sullenberger III, lands in the Hudson River (above) after the plane flew into a flock of Canada geese shortly after takeoff, resulting in severe damage to the plane's engines. There were no fatalities.

Opinion OURS & YOURS

Recycling a bad move when it comes to politics

Former politicians should leave the arena to new people and term limits are a good idea too.



Greg Barns

"The cynicism about politicians which is corrosive of democracy needs to be addressed. Recycling politicians is not helping matters

Recycling is a desirable practice in the environmental context but not so much with politicians. Democracy constantly requires renewal, fresh ideas, and new voices for it to be properly dealing with the challenges of today, and those of the future. Perhaps then we should impose limits on the number of years individuals can serve as MPs?

This discussion is timely with the announcement of Eric Abetz, who was a Liberal senator for almost 30 years, announcing that he will run for the state parliament in the next election. And Bryan Green, who was a state MP, leader and minister for almost 20 years, is standing for the ALP in the Legislative Council seat of Prosser.

Both men are well into their 60s and have had a more than decent run in political life. Why would anyone in that position want to re-enter politics? Is it because they are bored with life? That they need the 'excitement' of political life because the addiction is never far from the surface? Or are they, to use the famous phrase of former Labor foreign minister Gareth Evans, suffering from "relevance deprivation syndrome"? This syndrome was described by commentator Terry Barnes in The Drum, back in 2016, in this way; "RDS strikes politicians who suddenly lose a high profile and real power. After many years of the public and media massaging their egos and hanging on their every word, flying in VIP aircraft and getting lurks, perks and freebies far beyond the comprehension of mere mortals, they have to be mere nobodies again."

Of course not every politician, including those who want to return to the fray, suffers from RDS, and in Mr Green's case he has been out of political life since 2018.

But the real issue is that both Mr Abetz and Mr Green provide an opportunity to reflect on whether we ought, given the need for continual renewal in democracy, impose time limits on politicians.

This is a complex issue, as a long running discussion in the US about term limits in the context of an ageing Congress, makes clear. There is a balance to be struck between experience and fresh, younger minds.

One of the difficulties with long-serving politicians retiring voluntarily or otherwise, and then seeking to return as legislators or members of executive government, is that they are taking up space which might otherwise be taken by a talented individual who has much to contribute and who is new to politics.

In the case of Mr Abetz (we assume, given his notorious machine politics skills, he will be preselected) and Mr Green their presence on the ballot represents a missed opportunity for their respective parties to promote new blood.

While both men would point to their track records as ministers and leaders and tell you that their vast experience is an asset to the parliament and government, this is not a reason for them to be allowed to run for office at the state or federal level again. Their services are not indispensable.

In addition to imposing a ban on retired politicians who have previously served for a decade or more from running for political office again, we could look at imposing term limits on serving politicians. This would mean that after serving a certain number of terms they would

Proposal embraces compact neighbourhood concept

The Skylands development is an opportunity to create something new, writes Daniel Hulme

Much of the urban development that has taken place in Greater Hobart has been typified by sprawling suburbs that grow incrementally and with little co-ordination.

Our suburbs work well enough, but they are heavily car dependent and fail to make efficient use of infrastructure or promote community connection.

I am glad that I joined the Clarence City Council study tour looking at suburban developments in Perth, Western Australia.

The suburbs we looked at – Jindee in particular – opened my eyes to a different approach to urban planning.

It is an approach you could learn about by looking at pictures and words on a page, but you really need to see it for yourself to truly appreciate it.

While the planning movement known as 'new urbanism' is not particularly new (it dates back to the 1980s), it represents a style of urban development which is at least new to Tasmania.

A key feature of new urbanism is rejecting urban sprawl in favour of compact neighbourhoods, in which services such as schools, stores and cafes are located close by to encourage walking, cycling and other active forms of transport.

The principles of new urbanism informed the Skylands proposal for Droughty Point Peninsula, for which Clarence City Council has recently adopted a master plan.

Skylands will comprise a series of distinct neighbourhoods with compact residential developments built around commercial centres.

One of the aspects of Skylands that particularly appeals to me is that the developer is offering a whopping 34 per cent public open space, almost seven times the statutory minimum.

Having such substantial public open space within dense residential blocks encourages greater use of shared spaces leading to more interaction and a greater sense of community.

This certainly works in Jindee.

I and other councillors on the Perth tour spoke to residents of Jindee who had spent years not knowing any of their neighbours in the places they had lived previously. In Jindee, they got to know many of their fellow residents, and the community came together for major celebrations such as New Year's Eve.

I am one of three councillors who voted in favour of the Skylands master plan both times it was presented to council.

I did so recognising that development on the peninsula is inevitable.

The question is: do we continue doing what we have been doing before – develop sprawling, car-dependent suburbs with little community connection?

Or do we try a new approach – one which offers the potential for a better, healthier way of living?

Had we rejected the master plan the second time, it would not have stopped development on the peninsula – it just would have made the resulting development less liveable.

A concept image of the Skylands development. Picture: Supplied

While I have heard concerns raised about the density of this development and the resulting traffic, adopting the approach proposed by Skylands, in my opinion, makes Clarence City Council better placed to address these concerns.

Firstly, the time frame for fully developing Skylands is at least 20,

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Former deputy premier Bryan Green makes his case as to why voters should back his latest tilt at state politics, at a press conference in December; and former senator Eric Abetz, inset, also recently announced his plan to return to politics. Pictures: David Killick and Nikki Davis-Jones

have to retire. We see in the current Liberal government ministers who have been in the state or federal and state parliaments fairly well continually for 15 years or more.

Do we really think such an exhausting role is one that any individual can sustain for that period of time?

One of the reasons for term limits is that politicians become less likely to toe the party line, or to pander to interest groups, if they know their lifespan in parliament is limited in time. As Michael Smart, from the University of Toronto, and Daniel Sturm, from the LSE, put in a 2013 paper arguing for term limits, "term limits reduce the value of holding office. This induces 'truthful' behaviour by incumbents." In other words, the sadly all too common conduct of politicians in voting for laws or supporting initiatives which are popular but which have adverse long-run effects, is less likely to occur if politicians know they are there for a specific period of time.

What preventing long-time retired politicians from running again and imposing term limits on politicians generally does is to undermine the curse of incumbency. That is, serving or recently retired politicians are known to the electorate and get re-elected not on the basis of talent but because voters know them. Incumbency often prevents real talent from being elected. This is sub-optimal in a democracy.

The cynicism about politicians which is corrosive of democracy needs to be addressed. Recycling politicians is not helping matters.

Hobart barrister Greg Barns is a human rights lawyer who has advised state and federal Liberal governments.

Older people have plenty to contribute

Age shouldn't be a disqualifying factor when it comes to politics, writes Ingrid Harrison

In the realm of politics, diversity is crucial for a thriving democracy. The call for younger individuals to step into the political arena is not just admirable but a necessity to infuse fresh perspectives and innovative ideas.

However, when this call is accompanied by ageist rhetoric, as seen in the recent comments by Hobart City Councillor Ryan Posselt, it undermines the very essence of a united and inclusive society.

Mr Posselt's appeal for more young people to engage in politics is commendable. The energy, enthusiasm, and unique insights that younger generations bring to the table are essential for shaping a progressive future. However, it is disheartening to witness a community representative, supposedly championing inclusivity, resorting to divisive tactics by making remarks about older representatives who are either currently in positions or seeking positions in all tiers of government.

The attempt to pit one age group against another is not only counter-productive but also perpetuates harmful stereotypes. Age should never be a determining factor for a person's ability to contribute meaningfully to society. Older individuals, with their wealth of experience and wisdom, play an invaluable role in community development. To dismiss their contributions based on age is not only unfair but also shortsighted.

Lived experience is a treasure trove of knowledge that older people bring to the table. In politics, where decisions can have far-reaching consequences on every sector of the community, the importance of drawing from a diverse pool of experiences can't be overstated. The challenges faced by communities are multifaceted, and having representatives with a range of experiences, including those accumulated over a longer lifetime, ensures a more comprehensive understanding of complex issues.

Added to this, older people often possess a deep understanding of the historical context that has shaped their communities. This historical perspective is essential when developing policies that address the root causes of problems rather than merely treating the symptoms.

By tapping into the reservoir of knowledge held by older leaders, we can make more informed decisions that stand the test of time.

It is important to recognise that age does not define a person's ability to adapt to new ideas or embrace change. Many older people are more than adept at navigating the rapidly evolving landscape of modern governance, using their experience to blend with what is demanded by day-to-day challenges. Age should not be a barrier but rather a bridge between generations, fostering an environment where different age groups collaborate for the collective good.

Ingrid Harrison is president of Council on the Ageing Tasmania.

Rather than fostering division, community representatives like Mr Posselt should focus on creating platforms that encourage intergenerational dialogue and collaboration.

Building bridges between the young and the old is vital for the development of our communities. Each generation brings unique strengths, and a harmonious coexistence of these strengths ensures a more resilient and vibrant political landscape.

While it is essential to encourage younger people in our communities to actively participate in politics, it is equally important to reject ageist commentary that undermines the contributions of older citizens.

In the end, it is the community that decides. The older and more experienced representatives currently serving in our three tiers of government are there because the electorate has determined that they are best suited and able to deliver the outcomes the community desires at this time. The same applies to those who may seek to serve by standing for office in coming elections.

Age should never be a divisive factor; instead, it should be celebrated as a source of diverse perspectives and experiences. In our pursuit of a more inclusive democracy, let's simply appreciate the value that each generation brings to the table, recognising that it is the synergy of different ages that makes for great and inclusive communities.

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instead of usual urban sprawl

and possibly up to 30 years, providing plenty of time to plan and develop the required infrastructure.

Secondly, the number of dwellings that could be developed under existing planning controls is about 4000, far more than the 2600 proposed.

And finally, traffic demand is already being generated by other subdivision developments throughout the Eastern Shore.

At least, with this more centralised approach to urban development, the traffic demand can be anticipated and planned for.

The piecemeal approach to development we keep seeing elsewhere tends to result in traffic demand creeping up on us, and governments of all levels being reactive rather than proactive in responding.

Critics of Skylands have also expressed scepticism that it can promote walkability in the steep topography of Droughty Point Peninsula, whereas the benefits of this approach have primarily been proven in relatively flat areas.

However, there are plenty of examples of successful walkable neighbourhoods in steep parts of the world, including throughout Europe.

There may be historical and cultural aspects to their success, but culture can be created as well as inherited.

I accept it is possible we are taking a leap of faith with Skylands, but the way we have been approaching subdivisions in the past has led to outcomes that are far from ideal.

Even conceding the possibility that the expected benefits will not be realised, I am confident that the planning principles behind Skylands could not possibly result in worse outcomes than a development which relies on the existing planning controls.

There are still several stages to go through, the first of which is the development of a structure plan, and there will be plenty of opportunities for community consultation along the way.

I am proud to be part of a council that is embracing an innovative approach to urban development which has the potential to deliver a better quality of life.

As a style of development that is unique to Tasmania, Skylands will begin as a curiosity.

But over time, it will inspire planning authorities to rethink the way urban development is done in Tasmania.

Daniel Hulme is a Clarence City Council councillor

STARS

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With Mercury (ideas) now moving through Capricorn, it's an opportunity to find solutions to recently identified problems. And in our media driven world, it's worth remembering that the best answers aren't always found by an online search. As the tech industry showcases its latest developments at the start of the CES trade show, expect to see innovative advances in the world of AI and automatons. But nothing beats human heart-to-heart communication. And that's what the cosmos encourages today.

ARIES MAR 21–APR 20
No matter which direction you turn, or how much you achieve, you're facing more and more demands on your time. It's hard to keep track of the promises and commitments you need to honour (let alone find the energy to invest in looking after your own life and relationships). How are you meant to know what to prioritise when you've got wrongs to right and people's needs to look after? Today brings a chance to simplify things. Something can be dropped from your to-do list.

LEO JUL 24–AUG 23
When we're caught up in a confusing situation it's hard to envisage the ideal way to resolve it. But are you so embroiled in a need to avoid a particular issue (or relationship) that you'll settle for anything that seems better than it is right now? Yes, there are times when we have to shrug our shoulders, and deal with whatever life brings our way. But the current cosmic climate is offering you options. Don't lose sight of your standards today. Despite the uncertainty you're experiencing, you're close to attaining a goal.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23–DEC 21
It doesn't matter how convincingly someone explains something, we only hear what we want to hear and believe what we want to believe. And even if something is staring us in the face, we only see what we want to see. And since we tend to be much better at talking than listening, it's no wonder there's so much misunderstanding and miscommunication. Which means we learn to expect disharmony, even when we share common ground. Don't distrust the opportunity coming your way.

TAURUS APR 21–MAY 21
Although a positive attitude can get you a long way, even the most optimistic person in the world is going to find some things impossible. With the best will in the world, in some situations, certain goals are simply unattainable. I'm not mentioning this to dishearten you. Quite the opposite. It's just that past disappointments might tempt you to underestimate the possibility now being presented to you. You really can be confident today.

VIRGO AUG 24–SEP 23
Everything about life seems circular. The Moon circles around our planet. Our planet circles around the Sun. And the Sun rotates around its axis. And our minds seem to follow this same pattern. The cogs keep turning, and activating more cogs, which keep spinning. Your mind has been in a whirl recently. With so much going on, it's no wonder you're feeling a bit dizzy. Today, with your ruler, Mercury, settling into Capricorn, something starts making sense. You'll find once that happens, you'll regain a sense of balance.

CAPRICORN DEC 22–JAN 20
If we scratch beneath any surface, we find something waiting to be uncovered. Even a simple, random remark can be hiding emotions. If you're going to make the decision you need to make right now, there are certain issues to be taken into consideration. Otherwise, you might let your expectations inform your judgement and jump to the wrong conclusion. With Mercury (intellect) in your sign, you can carefully weigh up all the factors and come to a decision that has a powerfully positive effect on your future.

GEMINI MAY 22–JUN 22
We're going to test your mindreading skills. If you take a moment to close your eyes and relax, can you tell what the rest of your prediction is going to say? Of course you can't! There's no way you can know unless you read it! In fact, your forecast is going to tell you that you need to open your eyes and take a good look at an issue you'd prefer to ignore. Your ruler, Mercury, in earthy Capricorn, brings the courage and the clarity to see the path you need to follow to bring success your way.

LIBRA SEP 24–OCT 23
Although you can see a logical way to get to where you want to go, it doesn't look very enticing. Either it's going to be more expensive than you can afford. Or it involves crossing a particularly challenging terrain. You're hesitating, in the hope of discovering an alternative route. Yet, in your heart of hearts, you know it's going to be impossible to find one. So, your best option is to seek assistance. There are people around who can help smooth the way ahead. Explaining your needs takes courage.

AQUARIUS JAN 21–FEB 19
Think back to when you were at school. Every new term brought harder lessons to learn. Even though those days might be long over, we're all still students at the school of life; and a new year brings a different set of challenges. It doesn't seem to get any easier. As soon as we've got to grips with something, something else pops up. And if we don't learn the lesson, it re-presents itself, in a different format, until we do. With Mercury in a new sector of the sky, you've got the ability to look at an old problem and deal with it.

CANCER JUN 23–JUL 23
I was recently watching a documentary about parrots. Their ability to imitate made me think about how humans share that skill. We copy words, people and ideas. Sometimes, when we try out different ways of being, or different viewpoints, we sound as if we don't know what's going on. Then, we learn from other folk's reactions, and adapt. Mimicry is part of our developmental process. Yet there are times when we appear to be communicating, but the words and actions are devoid of real meaning.

SCORPIO OCT 24–NOV 22
Imagine how you'd respond if everything started falling apart? Or how you'd manage if life only presented you with challenges, awkward people and impossible scenarios? If you want to picture a never-ending litany of worst-case scenarios, no-one's going to stop you. But I'm hoping you see how preposterous that notion is. Life on planet Earth might be crazy and unpredictable. But don't let your imagination take you down that unhelpful path. Instead, focus on how you can cope with an improvement.

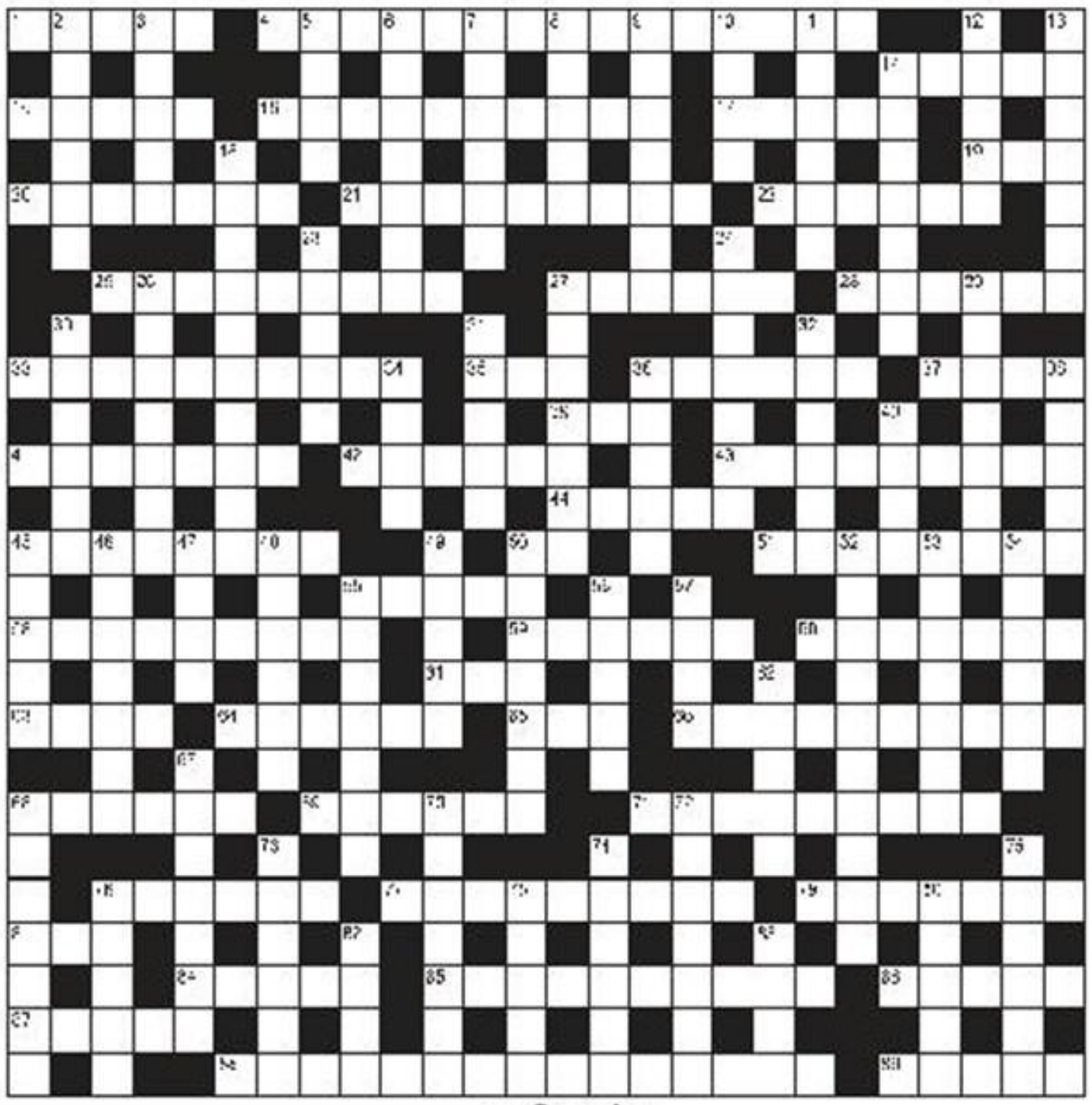
PISCES FEB 20–MAR 20
As a chess-lover, I'm delighted by the resurgence in its popularity. With all the apps and online games, it's become accessible to anyone who likes pushing their strategic thinking to new levels. Yet satisfying though this kind of gameplay can be, it's only useful in certain scenarios. You're dealing with a situation that suits your emotional intelligence. And with Mercury (intellect) now in earthy Capricorn, your sensitivity, kindness and generosity are more effective than ever.

JUMBO CROSSWORD

15/1

ACROSS
1 Humid (5)
4 Scarce (4,2,3,6)
14 Bumpy (5)
15 Wish-granter (5)
16 Luminosity (10)
17 Become one (5)
19 Mongrel (3)
20 Protracted (7)
21 Nerve-racking (9)
22 Fireplace (6)
25 Offender (9)
27 Unvarying (6)
28 Supporting structure on rocket launch pad (6)
33 Lies (10)
35 Garden tool (3)
36 Lyrical (6)
37 Exude (4)
39 Automobile (3)
41 Enthusiasm-arousing address (3-4)
42 Acid neutraliser (6)
43 Road speed (anag) (9)
44 A region's plant life (5)
45 Cut (8)
50 Next to (2)
51 Shirt, tie (anag) (8)
55 Deep ravine (5)
58 Refuge (9)
59 Wits (6)
60 Plots (7)
61 Indicate assent (3)
63 Decisive defeat (4)
64 Wine serving bottle (6)
65 Public house (3)
66 Capital of Denmark (10)
68 Slows the progress of (6)
69 Dating regularly (6)
71 Irritable, hot-tempered (9)
76 Writer (6)
77 Predators (anag) (9)
79 Extremely old (7)
81 Rascal (3)
84 More pleasant (5)
85 Used to (10)
86 Thrill (5)
87 Mimicking (5)
88 Escape completely unpunished (3,4,4-4)
89 Actions (5)

DOWN
2 Patchy (6)
3 Exiting (5)
5 Toss (4)
6 Sleeping garment (7)
7 Spice (6)
8 Takes notice of (5)
9 Make hand signs (7)
10 Musical work (4)
11 Sounds (6)
12 Cluster (5)
13 Curative treatment (7)
14 Strategic withdrawal (7)
18 Rodent bred for fur (10)
23 Nincompoop (6)
24 Supplementary material at the end of a book (7)
26 Supporter's ribboned badge (7)
27 Define clearly (7)
29 Kettledrums (7)
30 Film holder (6)
31 Small medicine bottle (5)
32 Tawdry art (6)
34 Glossy fabric (4)
36 Evidence (5)
38 Utensils (5)
40 Prophet (4)
45 Intense beam generator (5)
46 Use up (7)
47 Assess (4)
48 Drink sachet (3,3)
49 Lying face downwards (5)
50 Sleeping material (7)
52 Firebomb (10)
53 Growth on foot (7)
54 Lace hole (6)
55 Went in a circle (7)
56 Signs up (5)
57 Heroic verse (4)
62 Sudden cramp (5)
67 Gliding on ice (7)
68 Sneering, derisive (7)
70 Art of Japanese flower arrangement (7)
72 Expression of criticism and censure (7)
73 Fencer's shout (6)
74 Painting done on wet plaster (6)
75 Aslant (6)
76 Month (5)
78 Sways (5)
80 Bisect (5)
82 Opera solo (4)
83 Festival (4)



WORDFILL Fit the words into the grid to create a finished crossword

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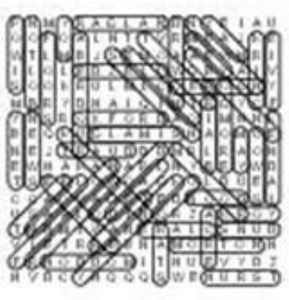
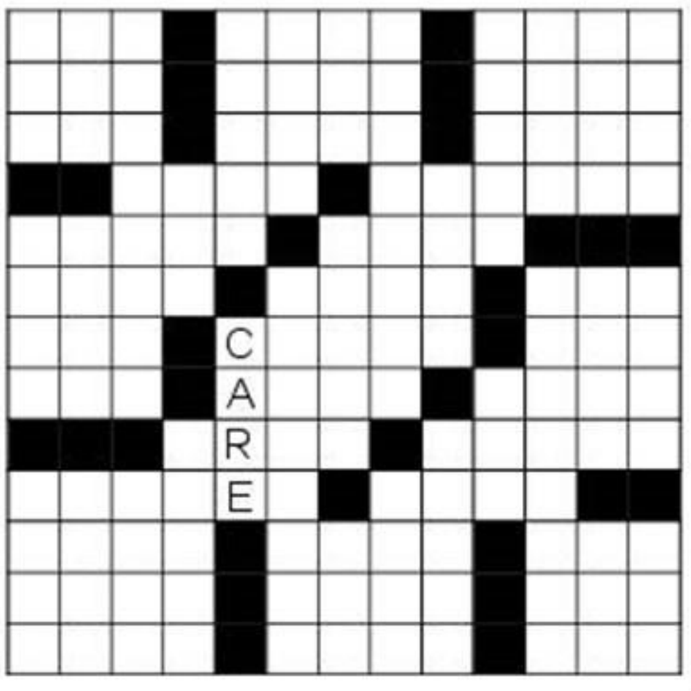


Saturday's WordFind



Saturday

ACROSS: 1. Indigo, 4. Residence, 9. Mass, 11. Pea, 12. Ago, 13. Past, 15. Brunt, 16. Sac, 17. Oath, 19. Pour, 21. Hard, 23. Vie, 24. Tariff, 26. Edge, 27. Hod, 28. Far, 30. Some, 31. Reign, 32. Vinyl, 34. Vying, 35. Shed, 36. Were, 38. Idle, 39. Undo, 40. Hassle, 44. Nun, 45. Keenly, 46. Lots, 48. Tote, 50. Sparse, 51. Mac, 53. Retort, 57. Gala, 58. Aura, 59. Fact, 61. Thru, 63. Carat, 65. Gooey, 67. Amble, 68. Epic, 69. For, 70. Axe, 71. Lour, 72. Bronco, 75. Rot, 76. Reel, 79. Iris, 81. Onyx, 82. Ova, 83. Muted, 84. Stab, 85. Its, 86. Lei, 87. Gift, 88. Swordplay, 89. Cheque.

DOWN: 1. Impoverish, 2. Into, 3. Opera, 4. Rabbi, 5. Squiffy, 6. Dither, 7. Nosegay, 8. Each, 9. Moor, 10. Schedule, 14. Specious, 18. Adhere, 20. Utensil, 22. Agog, 25. Rave, 29. Alien, 30. Snooker, 33. Idiot, 34. Vaunt, 36. Wrest, 37. Ruler, 41. Alpha, 42. Strut, 43. Elegiac, 47. Smart, 49. Orate, 52. Cargo, 54. Equator, 55. Outburst, 56. Times table, 59. For a song, 60. Cheery, 62. Hymn, 63. Cite, 64. Avocado, 66. Orbital, 69. Framed, 73. Oddly, 74. Civic, 77. Exit, 78. Loss, 80. Isle.

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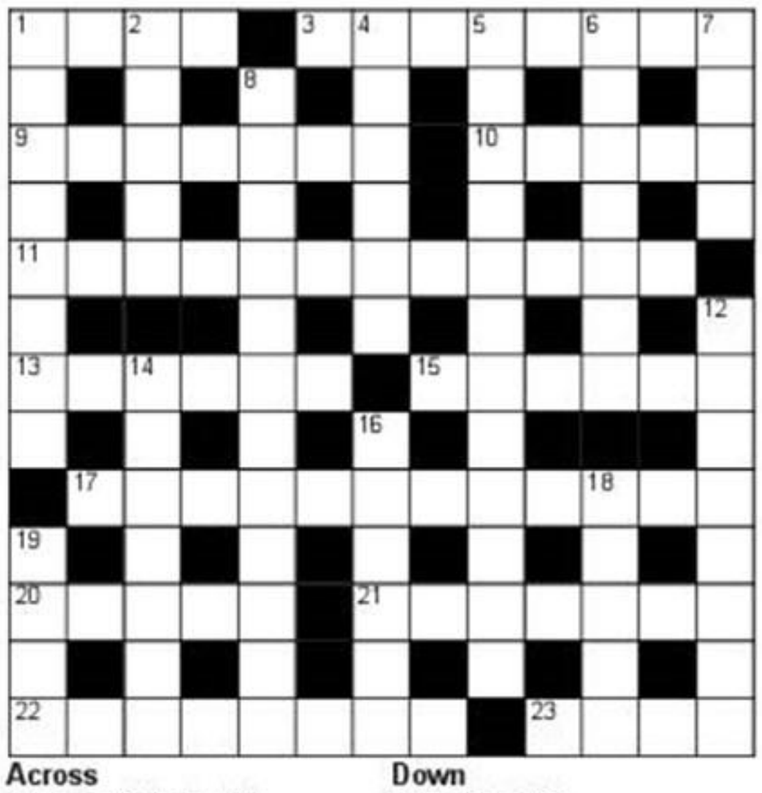

Across
1. Type of window (4)
3. Tenses up (8)
9. Carry out (3,4)
10. Repeatedly (5)
11. Secret (12)
13. Unsophisticated (6)
15. Golf club (6)
17. Polite (4-8)
20. Dagger (5)
21. Relating to the heart (7)
22. Cancelling out (8)
23. Pleads (4)

Down
1. Grabbed (8)
2. Smooth, glossy fabric (5)
4. Cared for (6)
5. Leading contenders (5-7)
6. Pull out (7)
7. Founder (4)
8. Most lively (12)
12. Foretells (8)
14. Staggering (7)
16. Bird of prey (6)
18. Elevate (5)
19. Pelt, hide (4)

Saturday
Across: 1. Loquacious 7. Image 8. Collude 10. Sweating 11. Clad 13. Captor 15. Rely on 17. Able 18. Readable 21. Stature 22. Trite 23. Decelerate.
Down: 1. Leave 2. Question 3. Ascend 4. Idle 5. Usually 6. First-class 9. Endangered 12. Vendetta 14. Pulsate 16. Recede 19. Bribe 20. Nude.

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Insert the missing letters to make five words reading across and five reading down.

Note: more than one solution may be possible

Saturday

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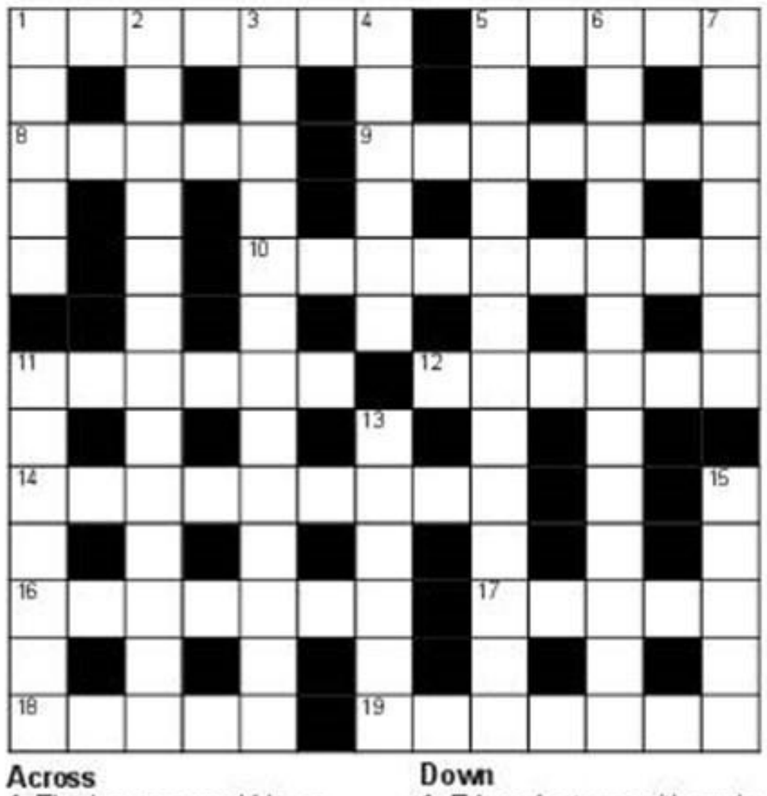


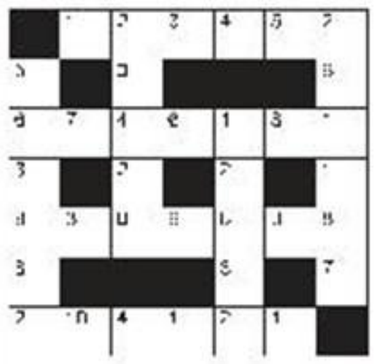
Across
1. The bouncer could be a donor, ma ... (7)
5. ... and an addict from Colorado, perhaps (5)
8. Chivalrous, Carlo departed the Hindu Festival (5)
9. Cleaned scorchingly quick? (7)
10. It is over the top when it comes to cricket and devastating (3,3,3)
11. A nagging way to mine for coal (4,2)
12. Returning with a cigarette iron, Bob made social blunders (6)
14. The printer ink replacer was a fly-by-nighter and party goer (3,6)
16. Sounds like the goats' coats were to be cut down (7)
17. The weird serve curves away (5)
18. Be nonchalant about a quiet time on the mat (5)
19. Ah, kilts, perhaps and something to top it off (4,3)

Down
1. Edward returns with sunburn culprit in spite of having cover (5)
2. Corey chatters about some bird (13)
3. Hot water in mug could be delicious (13)
4. Delicacy of character needed for pleasant town, we hear (6)
5. Got there but was late (4,2,7)
6. Could be several pages or just bits of the sentence (5,2,6)
7. Dancer gets 10 from France from two quarters which are base numbers (7)
11. Something to wear on retirement (7)
13. At a standstill, but you can remain little sibling so to speak (6)
15. Doesn't own pheasants without apes (5)

Saturday
Across: 2. Illustrator, 7. Water pistol, 9. Servile, 10. Repot, 11. George, 12. Ashore, 15. Diary, 17. Refresh, 19. In cold blood, 20. Fundamental.
Down: 1. Kiwis, 2. Interrogation, 3. Lurking, 4. Shires, 5. Rater, 6. Telephone poll, 8. Titre, 11. Giddy, 13. Safe bet, 14. Grille, 16. Yucca, 18. Hides.

CLUELESS CROSSWORD

15/1



Numbers have been substituted for letters. Use the letter(s) given to work out the rest of the puzzle.

2 = T

Saturday

WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to make an eight-letter word reading either clockwise or anticlockwise.

Saturday: TOMAHAWK

Vocabularian

Choose the correct definition

Benison
a) Blessing
b) Shared thoughts
c) Monks' prayer service

Cateran
a) Mountain stream
b) Steamship engineer
c) Brigand

Saturday
Coif: head covering
Amplitude: vastness

TARGET

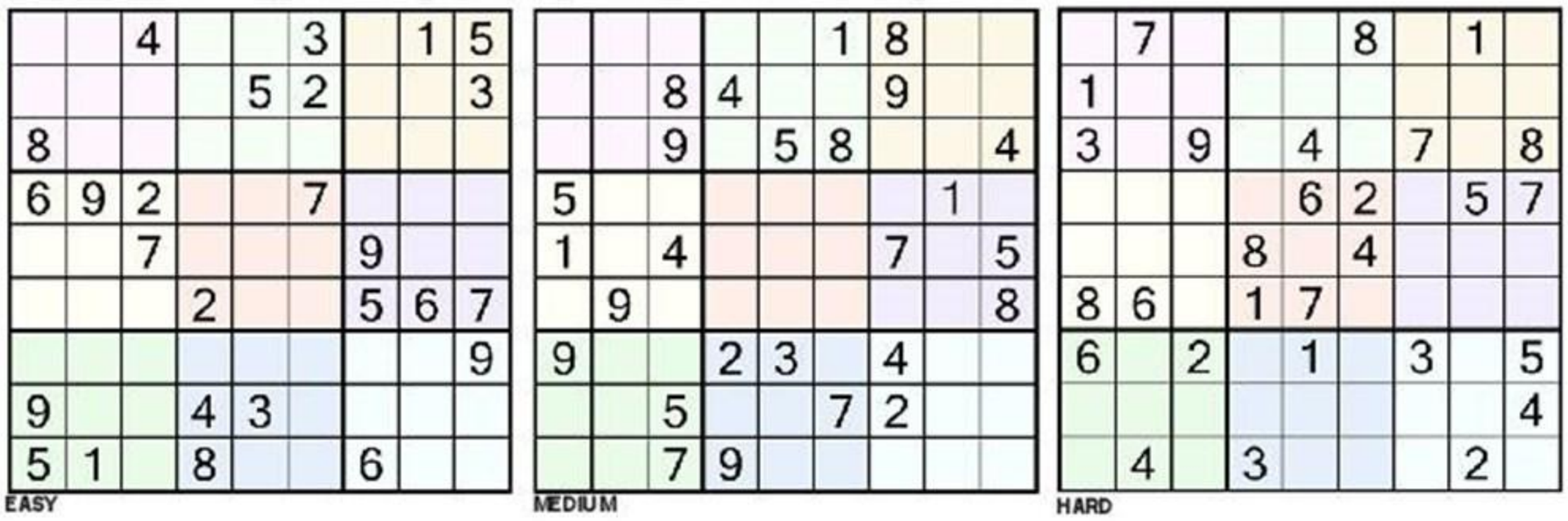
H	E	R
I	K	A
G	N	N

How many words of four letters or more can you make? Each letter must be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. There is at least one nine-letter word.
No words starting with a capital are allowed, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb, e.g. he burns with anger.
Good 10 Very Good 16 Excellent 24+

Saturday: adust anus aunt daunt daunts duet dune duns dust endue endues ensue ensued nausea nauseate NAUSEATED nude sauna saute sauteed stud stun sued suede suet sundae tuna tune tuned tunes unease unsated unseat unseated unset used

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and each 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.



EASY

MEDIUM

HARD

Saturday's sudoku solutions

9	6	7	4	3	5	8	1	2
3	5	2	6	8	1	4	9	7
1	4	8	7	9	2	6	5	3
8	9	5	3	6	4	2	7	1
6	7	3	2	1	9	5	4	8
2	1	4	8	5	7	3	6	9
7	2	9	5	4	8	1	3	6
5	8	6	1	7	3	9	2	4
4	3	1	9	2	6	7	8	5

EASY

9	1	4	6	2	5	3	8	7
3	6	2	7	8	9	5	1	4
8	5	7	4	1	3	9	2	6
1	4	5	8	9	6	2	7	3
2	9	6	3	4	7	1	5	8
7	3	8	1	5	2	6	4	9
6	8	3	2	7	1	4	9	5
5	7	1	9	6	4	8	3	2
4	2	9	5	3	8	7	6	1

MEDIUM

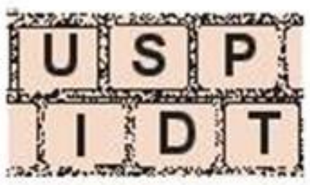
6	3	4	8	5	7	1	9	2
9	5	8	2	6	1	4	7	3
2	1	7	9	4	3	5	8	6
4	9	3	6	7	5	8	2	1
8	6	5	3	1	2	9	4	7
7	2	1	4	9	8	3	6	5
5	4	2	7	3	9	6	1	8
1	8	6	5	2	4	7	3	9
3	7	9	1	8	6	2	5	4

HARD

Saturday's WordBuilder solution

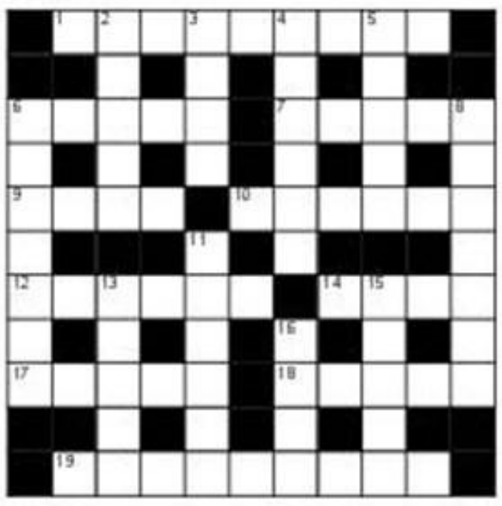
Fir, fit, fop, for, fort, frit, fro, oft, opt, pit, poi, port, pot, pro, prof, PROFIT, rift, riot, rip, rot, tip, tiro, top, topi, tor, tori, trio, trip.

WORDBUILDER



How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the six letters, using each only once?
No words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one six-letter word.
Good 15 Very Good 19 Excellent 23

11x11 QUICK



Across
1. Abundant wealth (9)
6. Holding device (5)
7. Toss (5)
9. Overdue (4)
10. A litre (anag) (6)
12. Antiseptic tincture (6)
14. Throbbing pain (4)
17. African country (5)
18. Agent, representative (5)
19. Dry out (9)

Down
2. Banquet (5)
3. Track circuits (4)
4. Paris tower (6)
5. Porcelain (5)
6. Telephoning (7)
8. Golf tournament spectators (7)
11. Anxious (6)
13. Male duck (5)
15. Flat-headed nail (5)
16. Nautical pole (4)

Saturday's 11x11 quick
Across: 1. Fool's errand, 7. Chink, 8. Scrub, 9. Seep, 11. Bereft, 14. Master, 16. Bars, 20. Nerve, 21. Aroma, 22. Contentment.
Down: 1. Focus, 2. Olive, 3. Sake, 4. Russet, 5. Agree, 6. Debut, 10. Era, 12. Far, 13. Secede, 14. Manic, 15. Siren, 17. Alone, 18. Start, 19. Fact.

FORECAST

Statewide today

Fine. Light winds with afternoon sea breezes, becoming northeasterly in the evening.

23 / 11

HOBART

Cloud clearing. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 25 km/h in the early afternoon then tending northeasterly in the evening.

Tomorrow: Sunny. Winds northerly 15 to 20 km/h turning northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h in the afternoon.

Wednesday Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a thunderstorm in the east. Winds northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.

26 / 13

LAUNCESTON

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming northerly 15 to 25 km/h in the late afternoon then becoming light in the late evening.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. Light winds becoming northerly 15 to 25 km/h in the morning then becoming light in the late evening.

22 / 14

DEVONPORT

Partly cloudy. Winds northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h in the middle of the day then tending easterly 20 to 25 km/h in the late evening.

20 / 13

BURNIE

Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower in the early morning. Winds northeasterly 25 to 30 km/h turning east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h before dawn then tending east to northeasterly 25 to 30 km/h in the morning.

24 / 10

STRAHAN

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h in the late afternoon then becoming light in the evening.

22 / 11

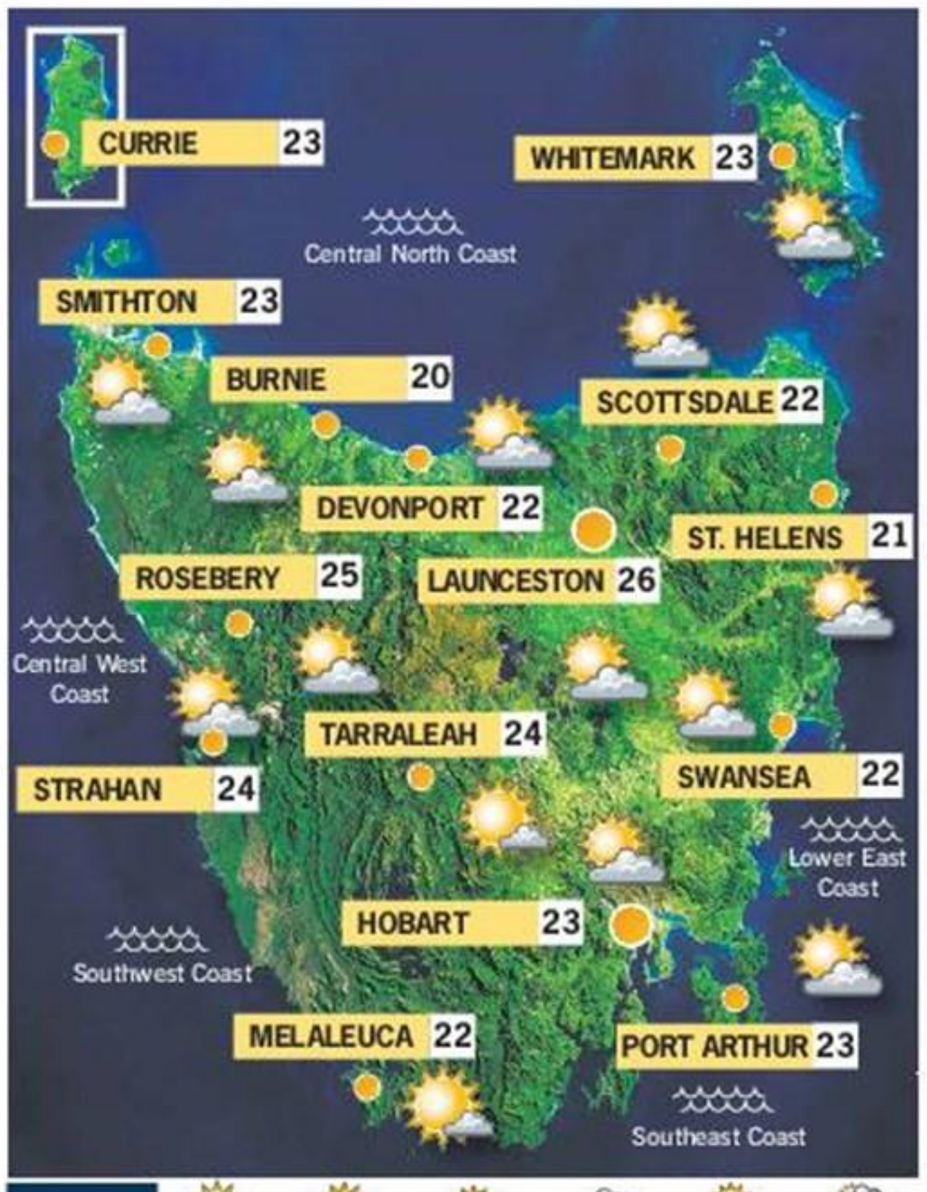
SWANSEA

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h in the middle of the day then tending north to northeasterly in the late afternoon.

21 / 13

ST. HELENS

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the late afternoon then becoming light in the evening.



MAP ICONS

sunny, mostly sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, chance shower, showers, light rain, rain, storms, windy, fog, snow

TIDES

TODAY	Hobart	High	1:15am (1.12m)	11:42am (1.44m)
		Low	5:52am (0.90m)	7:09pm (0.27m)
	Burnie	High	3:30am (3.42m)	3:32pm (3.38m)
		Low	9:50am (0.83m)	10:08pm (0.27m)
	Devonport	High	3:21am (3.42m)	3:24pm (3.40m)
		Low	9:43am (0.83m)	10:01pm (0.26m)
	Low Head	High	3:24am (3.47m)	3:25pm (3.45m)
		Low	9:44am (0.95m)	10:03pm (0.38m)
	Spring Bay	High	12:32am (1.06m)	11:57am (1.33m)
		Low	5:53am (0.58m)	6:55pm (0.20m)
	Stanley	High	3:49am (3.53m)	3:55pm (3.55m)
		Low	10:15am (0.96m)	10:39pm (0.42m)
TOMORROW	Hobart	High	1:55am (1.19m)	12:55pm (1.31m)
		Low	7:15am (0.82m)	7:57pm (0.38m)
	Burnie	High	4:20am (3.49m)	4:31pm (3.40m)
		Low	10:43am (0.68m)	11:00pm (0.33m)
	Devonport	High	4:13am (3.49m)	4:24pm (3.41m)
		Low	10:36am (0.68m)	10:55pm (0.32m)
	Low Head	High	4:15am (3.54m)	4:25pm (3.46m)
		Low	10:37am (0.80m)	10:56pm (0.45m)
	Spring Bay	High	1:23am (1.09m)	12:57pm (1.24m)
		Low	6:59am (0.55m)	7:45pm (0.28m)
	Stanley	High	4:39am (3.60m)	4:51pm (3.56m)
		Low	11:08am (0.82m)	11:30pm (0.50m)

SUN AND MOON

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 18	Jan 26	Feb 3	Feb 10

Today: **Sunrise** 5:50 am **Sunset** 8:50 pm **Moonrise** 9:57 am **Moonset** 11:23 pm

Warnings:
Warnings were current at 5pm yesterday.
Latest info at **www.bom.gov.au/tas/warnings**
or 1300 659 210 (local call cost)
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Hobart Outlook:

Tuesday.	Sunny. 14 / 29
Wednesday.	Shower or two. 15 / 24
Thursday.	Showers. 15 / 22
Friday.	Shower or two. 14 / 22
Saturday.	Possible shower. 11 / 23
Sunday.	Shower or two. 14 / 23

Statewide tomorrow

Light showers developing about the north. Fine elsewhere. North to northeasterly winds.

Wednesday

Showers about the north, extending statewide during the day. Possible storms, with possible heavy rain in the north. Strong and gusty east to northeasterly winds, tending northeast to northwesterly in the evening.

COASTAL WATERS

DERWENT ESTUARY

Today: Winds: Variable below 10 knots becoming easterly 10 to 15 knots early afternoon then tending NE evening. Seas: Around 1 m, decreasing below 0.5 m morning, then increasing to below 1 m around midday. Weather: Partly cloudy.

CHANNEL

Today: Winds: Variable below 10 knots becoming easterly 10 to 15 knots in the middle of the day then tending northeasterly evening. Seas: Below 1 m. Weather: Mostly sunny.

SOUTHEAST COAST

Today: Winds: Southwesterly about 10 knots tending northeasterly 15 to 20 knots early afternoon. Winds reaching up to 25 knots near Tasman Island late evening. Seas: Around 1 m. Swell: SW 2 to 3 m inshore, increasing to 2.5 to 4 m offshore. Weather: Partly cloudy.

LOWER EAST COAST

Today: Winds: South to southwesterly about 10 knots tending northeasterly 15 to 20 knots early afternoon then tending northerly late evening. Winds reaching up to 25 knots near Tasman Island late evening. Seas: Around 1 m, decreasing below 0.5 m morning, then increasing to around 1 m afternoon. Swell: South to southwesterly 1 to 2 m inshore, increasing to 2 to 3 m offshore. Weather: Partly cloudy.

SOUTHWEST COAST

Today: Winds: Variable about 10 knots becoming E to SE 10 to 15 knots morning then tending east to northeasterly late afternoon. Winds reaching up to 20 knots offshore late evening. Seas: Below 1 m. Swell: SW 3 to 4 m, decreasing to 2 to 3 m morning. Weather: Cloud clearing.

MAINLAND CENTRES

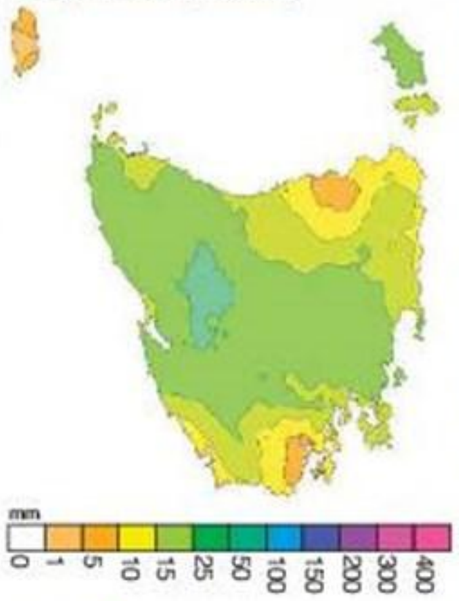
Adelaide	Sunny.	34	Darwin	Windy, storm, falls.	29
Albury	Shower or two.	29	Gold Coast	Showers increasing.	29
Alice Springs	Mostly sunny.	40	Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	28
Bendigo	Shower or two.	28	Mildura	Shower or two, storm.	35
Bourke	Shower, storm.	36	Mt. Gambier	Partly cloudy.	31
Broome	Partly cloudy.	34	Perth	Sunny.	37
Brisbane	Showers.	30	Sunshine Coast	Showers.	28
Cairns	Showers.	31	Sydney	Showers.	24
Canberra	Showers.	20	Townsville	Showers.	31

WORLD CENTRES

Auckland	20	26	showers	London	-1	2	sunny
Bangkok	25	36	fine	Los Angeles	9	18	sunny
Beijing	-9	4	fine	New Delhi	4	19	cold
Cape Town	17	26	fine	New York	-5	1	sunny
Christchurch	12	17	showers	Paris	1	3	sunny
Dubai	16	27	fine	Rome	7	15	mist
Hong Kong	18	24	sunny	Singapore	24	32	storms
Honolulu	19	27	sunny	Suva	25	29	storms
Jakarta	26	29	rain	Tokyo	3	11	fine

Rainfall

7 days to 9am yesterday



TASMANIA YESTERDAY

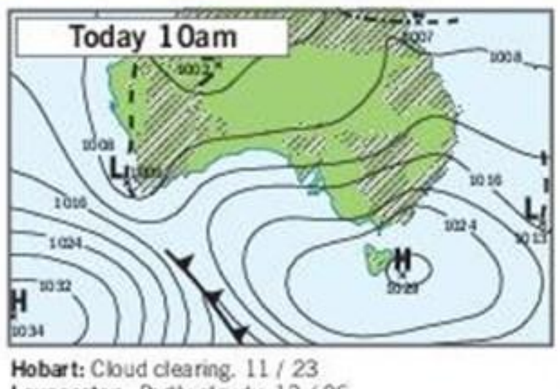
	Rain	Min	Max
Bushy Park	0.2	10	25
Butlers Gorge	0.2	3	19
Campania	0.0	8	21
Cape Bruny	0.0	12	18
Cressy	0.0	10	24
Devonport	0.2	13	22
Eddystone	0.2	16	22
Flinders Is	0.0	10	23
Friendly Beaches	0.0	11	23
Grove	0.0	9	21
Hartz Mountains	0.4	5	15
Hobart	0.0	12	21
King Island	0.0	13	21
Launceston	0.0	14	27
Liawenee	0.2	-1	20
Low Head	0.0	14	22
Maatsuyker Is	0.0	11	16
Maria Island	0.0	12	19
Mt Wellington	0.0	2	13
Ouse	0.0	8	23
Scotts Peak	0.2	9	17
Scottsdale	0.2	13	22
Sheffield	0.0	7	23
Smithton	0.0	10	23
St Helens	0.0	13	20
Strahan	0.0	9	21
Tunnack	0.0	5	20
Wynyard	0.0	12	22

SUN SMART

HOBART
Sun protection recommended from
9:00am to 5:30pm
Max UV index: 11 (extreme)

LAUNCESTON
Sun protection recommended from
9:00am to 5:30pm
Max UV index: 11 (extreme)

CHART KEY Isobars — 1016 (hectopascals) — Cold Front ▲▲ Warm Front ◠◠ Trough - - - - Rain - 24 hrs to 10am



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Launceston: Partly cloudy. 13 / 26
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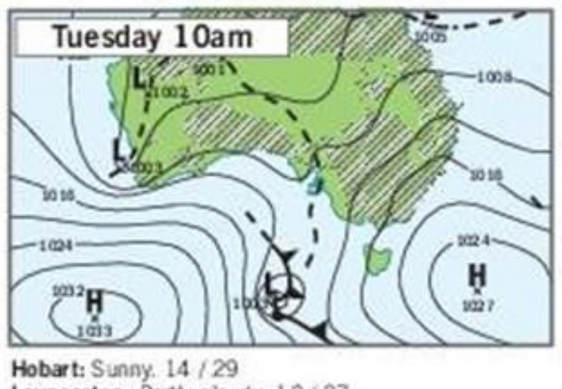

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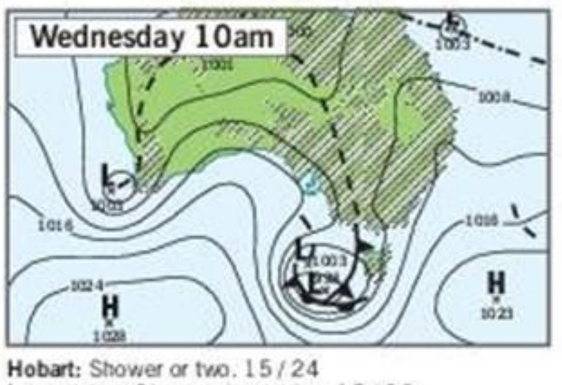

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Launceston: Showers increasing. 15 / 26
Burnie: Showers. 15 / 21
Devonport: Showers. 15 / 23
Strahan: Shower or two. 15 / 23
St Helens: Showers. 16 / 23
Swansea: Shower or two. 15 / 24

ABC TV (21)

6.00 News Breakfast.
9.00 ABC News Mornings.
10.00 Movin' To The Country. (R)
11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
12.00 ABC News At Noon.
1.00 Vera. (Ma, R)
2.30 Back Roads. (R)
3.00 The Cook And The Chef. (R)
3.25 Tenable. (R)
4.15 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.15 Love Your Garden.
6.00 Back Roads. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer. (Ma)
9.00 You Can't Ask That. (Mal, R)
9.35 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids. (Man, R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 War On Waste. (PG, R)
11.55 Changing Ends. (PG, R)
12.15 Love Your Garden. (R)
1.05 Tenable. (R)
1.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
4.40 The Durrells. (PG, R)
5.30 7.30. (R)

SEVEN (61)

6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG)
11.30 Seven Morning News.
12.00 Home And Away. (PGav, R)
1.00 Home And Away. (PGav, R)
2.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R)
2.30 Surf Patrol. (R)
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.
6.00 Nightly News 7 Tasmania.
7.00 Home And Away. (PGa) Tane misreads Harper's friendship.
7.35 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. From the MCG.
11.00 Motorway Patrol. (PGal) A motorist is running out of petrol.
11.30 Highway Cops. (Ma) A dog lives up to its name.
12.00 Bates Motel. (Mav, R)
1.00 Bates Motel. (Mv, R)
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (88)

6.00 Today.
10.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show.
11.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
4.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Roz Kelly.
6.00 9News.
7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
12.00 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R)
1.00 Family Law. (Ma, R)
2.00 Destination Australia: Rottnest Island. (R) Presented by Jo Beth Taylor and Scherri-Lee Biggs.
2.30 Global Shop. (R)
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa)
4.30 Explore TV: Norfolk Island. (R)
5.00 9News Early.
5.30 Today.

TEN (51)

6.00 The Talk. (PGa) Return. **7.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) **9.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGa, R)
10.00 The Yes Experiment. (R)
10.30 Luxury Escapes. (R)
11.00 Food Trail: South Africa. (R)
11.30 My Market Kitchen. (PGl, R)
12.00 10 News First: Midday.
1.00 Dr Phil. (PGls, R)
2.00 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R)
3.00 Entertainment Tonight.
3.30 Farm To Fork.
4.00 Neighbours. (PGa)
4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGa)
5.00 10 News First.
6.30 The Project.
7.30 Gladiators. (PGv) (New Series)
8.55 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mav, R)
10.50 The Project. (R)
12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

SBS (30)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.10** Cook Up Bitesize. (R) **9.15** World's Most Secret Homes. (PG, R) **10.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **11.00** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGa, R) **12.10** WorldWatch. **1.00** PBS News Weekend. **1.30** Al Jazeera News Second Edition. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.05** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Mav, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** The Supervet. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 7. Highlights.
6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends. (PGa)
8.25 Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South.
9.20 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses. (PG, R)
10.15 SBS World News Late.
10.45 Blanca. (MA15+a)
11.45 Reyka. (MA15+av, R)
3.40 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) **4.40** Barnay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

Classifications: **(P)** Preschoolers **(C)** Children **(G)** General **(PG)** Parental Guidance **(M)** Mature Audiences **(MA15+)** Mature Audiences Only **(AV15+)** Extreme Adult Violence **(CC)** Closed Captions **(R)** Repeat.
Consumer Advice: **(a)** Adult themes **(d)** Drug references **(h)** Horror **(s)** Sex references **(l)** Language **(m)** Medical procedures **(n)** Nudity **(v)** Violence. **Please note:** Listings are subject to change by networks.

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ABC TV PLUS (22)

6.00 Children's Programs. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** MythBusters. **9.20** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **10.55** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. **11.55** Would I Lie To You? **12.30** QI. **1.00** Late Programs.

7TWO (62)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.00** Animal SOS Australia. **9.30** NBC Today. **10.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **12.00** Better Homes. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Last Chance Learners. **4.00** Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Endeavour. **10.30** Fortitude. **11.30** Doc Martin. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (81)

6.00 Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** Skippy. **8.00** TV Shop. **9.30** Newstyle Direct. **10.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **11.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Matthew Pavlich and Nick McArdle. **11.00** Death In Paradise. **12.00** Madam Secretary. **1.00** Manifest. **2.00** Gideon's Way. **3.00** Skippy. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH (52)

6.00 Big Bang. **10.30** Friends. **1.00** Two And A Half Men. **1.30** Ghosts. **3.30** King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory.
8.30 **Two And A Half Men.** Charlie worries about commitment.
10.00 Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** Bold. **4.30** Shopping.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.15** Planet A. **3.05** Most Expensivest. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** NITV News Update. **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Taskmaster. **9.25** Two Weeks To Live. **10.25** Scrubs. **11.25** Hoarders. **1.05** The Devil You Know. **1.55** Late Programs.

ABC ME (23)

6.00 Children's Programs. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.10** Rage. **11.15** Close.

7MATE (63)

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** NFL. NFL Playoffs. Wild Card Round. Detroit Lions v Los Angeles Rams. **3.30** Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. **7.35** Outback Opal Hunters. **8.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Ax Men. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (82)

6.00 Children's Programs. **12.45** Children's Programs. **1.00** Rich House, Poor House. **2.00** Bewitched. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Kenan. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** News. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 2. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** MOVIE: Assault On Precinct 13. (2005) **10.35** Late Programs. **12.15** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (53)

6.00 Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** All 4 Adventure. **9.30** Reel Action. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** ST: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG.
7.30 **Bull.**
8.30 **NCIS.** A marine is murdered on a cruise.
10.20 NCIS: Los Angeles. **12.15** Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

SBS MOVIES (32)

6.00 Steel Magnolias. (1989) **8.10** The 400 Blows. (1959, French) **10.00** Motherhood. (2018) **11.35** Operation Mincemeat. (2021) **2.00** Mr. Holmes. (2015) **3.55** Asterix: The Mansions Of The Gods. (2014, French) **5.30** Sunflower. (1970, Italian) **7.30** Those Happy Years. (2013) **9.30** Gotti. (2018) **11.35** The Best Offer. (2013) **2.00** In The Line Of Fire. (1993) **4.25** Motherhood. (2018)

ABC NEWS (24)

6.00 News. **9.00** News. **12.00** News. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.00** News. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Evening News. **8.00** News Tonight. **8.30** Australian Story. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.25** Foreign Correspondent. **10.00** The World. **10.30** 7.30. **11.00** News. **11.30** The Business. **12.00** News. **12.30** Aust Story. **1.00** News. **1.15** 7.30. **1.45** Camel Capers. **2.00** DW News. **2.15** News. **2.30** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6.00 Morning Programs. **1.35** Barnay. **2.05** Barnay. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.15** Our Stories. **5.30** Stories From The Land. **6.00** Barnay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Living Black. **9.00** MOVIE: Backroads. (1977) **10.00** MOVIE: Jason's Lyric. (1994) **12.10** Power To The People. **1.00** NITV On The Road: Barunga Festival. **4.00** On The Road. **5.00** Barnay.

9LIFE (83)

6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** The Garden Revolution. **11.30** Getaway. **12.00** Flipping Down South. **1.00** Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa. **2.00** Zombie House Flipping. **3.00** The Block. **4.00** The Jennie Garth Project. **4.30** Martha Knows Best. **5.00** Build It Forward. **6.00** House Hunters Int. **7.00** House Hunters. **8.30** Christina On The Coast. **9.30** Flip Or Flop. **10.30** Mexico Life. **11.30** House Hunters. **12.00** Late Programs.

NICKELODEON (54)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.20** Guppies. **10.10** Shimmer And Shine. **10.35** Ready Set Dance. **10.45** Ryan's Mystery Playdate. **11.10** Blaze And The Monster Machines. **12.00** PAW Patrol. **2.05** TMNT. **2.30** SpongeBob. **4.15** The Casagrandes. **4.40** The Loud House. **5.05** The Thundermans. **5.30** Danger Force. **6.00** The Middle. **7.30** Friends. **8.30** Movie: Never Too Late. (2020) **10.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters. **11.30** Friends. **12.00** Late Programs.

SBS FOOD (33)

6.00 Morning Programs. **1.00** Greater Mekong. **1.30** Flour Power. **2.00** My Greek Table. **2.30** United Plates Of America. **3.30** Top Chef. **4.30** My Market Kitchen. **5.00** Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Rick Stein's Cornwall. **6.00** Food Safari Earth. **6.30** Lidia's Kitchen. **7.00** The Cook Up. **7.30** Shane Delia's Spice Journey. **8.00** Luke Nguyen's India. **8.30** Eva Longoria: Searching For Mexico. **9.30** Dine With Me UK. **10.30** Late Programs.

PREMIERE (CH 401)

6.00 Tár. (2022) (M) **8.35** What's Love Got To Do With It? (2022) (M) **10.30** The Machine. (2023) (MA15+) **12.25** Fast X. (2023) (M) **2.55** Pearl. (2022) (MA15+) **4.48** Assassin Club. (2023) (MA15+) **6.45** Evil Dead Rise. (2023) (MA15+) **8.30** Children Of The Corn. (2020) (MA15+) **10.10** Three Thousand Years Of Longing. (2022) (M) **12.02** All My Friends Hate Me. (2021) (MA15+) **1.40** She Said. (2022) (M) **3.52** Mona Lisa And The Blood Moon. (2022) (MA15+) **5.40** I Am Here. (2021) (M)

GREATS (CH 410)

6.00 Stand By Me. (1986) **7.10** The Goonies. (1985) **9.10** Gremlins. (1984) **11.00** A League Of Their Own. (1992) **1.10** Major League. (1989) **3.00** Boiling Point. (1993) **4.40** The Big Lebowski. (1998) **6.40** Heart And Souls. (1993) Robert Downey Jr.
8.30 **The Notebook.** (2004)
10.40 Cast A Deadly Spell. (1991) Fred Ward. **12.20** Saturday Night Fever. (1977) **2.15** Schindler's List. (1993) **5.25** Blade Runner. (1982)

UKTV (CH 105)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.05** Jonathan Ross. (M) **10.05** Doc Martin. (M) **11.05** Would I Lie To You? (PG) **11.40** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) **12.50** Midsomer Murders. (PG) **2.55** New Tricks. (M) **4.00** Father Brown. (M) **5.00** QI. (PG) **6.10** Richard Osman's House Of Games Night. (PG) **6.45** Emmerdale. (PG) **7.15** Coronation Street. (PG) **7.50** EastEnders. (PG) **8.30** DCI Banks. (MA15+) **9.30** New Tricks. (M) **10.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. (M) **12.25** Late Programs.

SHOWCASE (CH 112)

6.00 The Walking Dead. (MA15+) **10.00** Downton Abbey. (M) **11.00** Movie: Oslo. (2021) (M) **1.00** The Wire. (MA15+) **2.00** Big Little Lies. (M) **3.00** Downton Abbey. (M) **4.00** To Be Advised. **5.00** Entitled. (M) **6.00** The End. (MA15+) **6.30** Downton Abbey. (M) **8.30** True Detective: Night Country. New Series. **9.30** Bookie. (MA15+) **10.30** The Wire. (MA15+) **11.30** True Detective: Night Country. **12.30** Downton Abbey. (M) **1.30** The Newsroom. (M) **2.30** Late Programs.

DISCOVERY (CH 133)

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.10** Moonshiners Special. (M) **11.05** Homestead Rescue. (PG) **12.55** Naked And Afraid. (M) **1.55** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **2.50** End Of The Rope. (PG) **3.45** Deadliest Catch. (M) **4.40** Dirty Jobs. (PG) **5.35** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **6.35** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail. (M) **7.30** Airplane Repo. (M) **8.30** Outback Opal Hunters. (PG) **9.30** Demolition Down Under. (PG) **10.25** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **11.20** Naked And Afraid. (M) **12.15** Late Programs.

FAMILY (CH 403)

6.00 The Angry Birds Movie 2. (2019) (PG) **7.25** Boonie Bears: Back To Earth. (2022) (PG) **9.05** Lyle, Lyle Crocodile. (2022) **9.10** Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2. (2013) **10.50** The Smurfs. (2011) **12.35** The Smurfs 2. (2013) **2.25** Smurfs: The Lost Village. (2017) **4.00** Flipper. (1996) (PG) **5.40** Puss In Boots: The Last Wish. (2022) (PG) **7.30** Lyle, Lyle Crocodile. (2022) **9.25** Paddington 2. (2017) **11.10** Pompo: The Cinéphile. (2021) (PG) **12.45** Paddington 2. (2017) **2.25** Late Programs.

ACTION (CH 405)

6.00 Mission: Impossible. (1996) (M) **7.55** Unleashed. (2005) (MA15+) **9.40** The Dark Tower. (2017) (M) **11.20** Godzilla. (1998) (PG) **1.40** Wonder Woman. (2017) (M) **4.05** Wonder Woman 1984. (2020) (M) **6.40** 2 Fast 2 Furious. (2003) (M)
8.30 **Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines. (2003)** (M)
10.25 Death Race. (2008) (MA15+) **12.10** S.W.A.T. (2003) (M) **2.05** Blade II. (2002) (MA15+) **4.00** Ned Kelly. (2003) (MA15+) **5.50** The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (2015) (M)

FOX8 (CH 108)

6.00 Morning Programs. **2.00** Taskmaster. (M) **3.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **3.30** Two And A Half Men. (M) **4.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **4.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **5.00** Entourage. (MA15+) **5.30** Taskmaster. (M) **6.30** Taskmaster. (M) **7.30** Taskmaster: Champion Of Champions 3. New Series. **9.00** Krapopolis. (M) **10.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **10.30** Two And A Half Men. (M) **11.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **11.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **12.00** Late Programs.

BBC FIRST (CH 119)

6.00 Boat Story. (MA15+) **6.55** Silent Witness. (M) **8.05** Death In Paradise. (M) **9.05** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **10.00** Call The Midwife. (PG) **11.05** Chivalry. (MA15+) **11.30** Nolly. (M) **2.10** Marie Antoinette. (M) **3.15** Silent Witness. (M) **4.25** Death In Paradise. (M) **5.30** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **6.30** Call The Midwife. (PG) **8.40** Happy Valley. (MA15+) **9.45** The Catch. (M) **10.40** Marie Antoinette. (MA15+) **11.40** Death In Paradise. (M) **12.35** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **1.25** Late Programs. **5.50** The Fall. (MA15+)

LIFESTYLE (CH 106)

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** Location, Location, Location Revisits. (PG) **11.00** GB Sewing Bee. **12.10** Selling Houses Aust. (PG) **1.15** Escape To The Country. **2.10** Antiques Roadshow. **3.20** Bargain Hunt. **4.15** Better Homes. **5.30** Chateau DIY. **6.30** 999: On The Front Line. (M) **7.30** Selling Houses Aust. (PG) **8.30** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG) **9.30** Sort Your Life Out. (PG) **10.40** Escape To The Country. **11.35** 24 Hours In Emergency. (PG) **12.35** Late Programs.

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MARSTRAND, M. D.
RAYMOND FRANCIS, M.
VRAKATSELIS, E.

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BIRCH
Viney Heatherbell
15.09.1936 - 13.01.2024

Loved and loving wife of Eric (dec). Cherished mother and mother-in-law of Greg and Sue (both dec), Lindsay and Mandi (both dec) and Lynne, Sandra and Dennis, and Ricky and Carolyn (dec). Treasured Nan to all her devoted grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rest in peace Mum.

Funeral details to be advised.

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MARSTRAND
Margaret
Passed away peacefully on 10th January 2024 at the Royal Hobart Hospital, at the grand age of 90, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved mother and mother-in-law of Jane and Ross, Libby and Ian. Adored Momma of Edward, Imogen, and Alexis; and Tori and Chris.

Forever in our hearts.

MILLER
Raymond Francis

In loving memory of Raymond Francis Miller

26.02.1945 - 06.01.2024

Loving father to all his children. Beloved son of William and Daisy Miller (both dec). Loved brother of all his siblings and cherished by all extended family.

Resting peacefully reunited with his loved ones in heaven.

VRAKATSELIS
Efstathios
12/10/1936 - 14/01/2024
aged 87.
Dearly loved husband of Polixeni. Loved and loving father of Kon, Steven and Peter, respected father-in-law of Ainslie and Maria. Treasured grandfather of Irini, Stan, Xenia and Stavros, and their partners Robert, Chelsea and Jacobus. Great-grandfather to Lilliana & Leonardo.

Funerals

MARSTRAND
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Celebration of Life for Margaret Marstrand to be held at our Wellington Chapel, Cornelian Bay on Monday (January 22, 2024) at 10:00am.

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MILLER

A Service for Mr Raymond Francis Miller will be held at Graham Family Funeral Home, Cnr Risdon and Bay Roads, New Town, on Tuesday (16th January 2024) at 12.30pm, after which Interment will take place in Malbina Lawn Cemetery, Malbina at 2.30pm approx. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend.

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VRAKATSELIS
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral Service for Efstathios (Stan) Vrakatselis to be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Hobart on Wednesday (January 17, 2024) at 10:00am. In lieu of floral tributes, donations may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in his memory and will be warmly received at the service. Following this service, interment will take place at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery at approx. 11.30am.

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Reigning champs fire in big chill

The Kansas City Chiefs took another step towards a Super Bowl title defence Sunday, routing the Miami Dolphins 26-7 at frigid Arrowhead Stadium in the first round of the NFL playoffs.

Houston kicked off wildcard round action with rookie quarterback C.J. Stroud guiding the Texans to a 45-14 victory over the Cleveland Browns that ended veteran Joe Flacco's comeback story.

Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes threw for 262 yards and a touchdown, Harrison Butker kicked four field goals and the Chiefs defence kept Miami's potentially explosive offence in check, the hosts shrugging off brutally cold conditions.

It was -20C at kick-off with the wind chill making it feel even colder, the NFL calling it the fourth-coldest game in league history.

Pop icon Taylor Swift turned out to cheer boyfriend Travis Kelce, wearing a Chiefs-themed down coat emblazoned with the star tight end's number 87, and Chiefs coach Andy Reid's trademark moustache was frozen by halftime.

"We knew it was going to be cold, but all week we were preaching let's come in there with that fire and just get after it and see what happens," said Mahomes, who hit rookie Rashee Rice for a touchdown on the first drive of the game.

Kelce had seven catches for 71 yards and Isiah Pacheco ran 23 times for 82 yards and a touchdown.

The cold might have been a factor when Mahomes's helmet cracked when he took a hit in the second half and it took some time to adjust a replacement kept on the sideline.

"It was, like, frozen," Mahomes said of the replacement helmet, which had to be warmed up before he could wear it.

Mahomes shook off the distraction and the Chiefs reached the divisional round of the playoffs for the sixth straight season.

Meanwhile, the Dolphins' dynamic offence never fired as Kansas City's defence kept Miami quarterback Tua Tagovailoa under constant pressure.

Wide receiver Tyreek Hill had a 53-yard touchdown catch but was otherwise kept in check by his former team.

Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne is swarmed by teammates after setting up their winning goal against Newcastle. Picture: Oli Scarff/AFP

De Bruyne the hero in Man City's comeback

Pep Guardiola said Manchester City showed the heart of champions to fight back to beat Newcastle 3-2 on Sunday thanks to a Kevin De Bruyne masterclass on his return to Premier League action.

The Belgian came off the bench to score and set up Oscar Bobb's stoppage-time winner to announce his comeback from a five-month injury lay-off in style.

Victory takes City up to second in the table, two points behind Liverpool, and ominously poised to strike when they return from a two-week winter break, by which point Erling Haaland may be fit to join De Bruyne in terrorising opposition defences.

"That was really good, sometimes it is better winning that way," said Guardiola. "We played with a huge personality. They showed me they want to be there, to fight until the end that they want to retain the title."

Newcastle player Dan Burn attacks against Manchester City. Picture: StuForster/Getty Images

A cruel late twist for Newcastle saw Eddie Howe's men succumb to a sixth defeat in their last seven Premier League games.

But a point would have been more than Newcastle deserved after being thoroughly outplayed but for two goals in two first-half minutes that threatened to frustrate the champions.

"Their quality told in the end. De Bruyne is obviously a world-class player," said Howe, who was publicly backed by the club's chief executive Darren Eales this week. "There's not a lot wrong with our performances. You can see today we are a top team. The group is in a good place, I don't see any negativity."

A frantic encounter got off to a disrupted start as City goalkeeper Ederson was forced off injured in his attempt to stop Sean Longstaff putting the ball into the net.

The goal was ruled out as Alexander Isak was clearly offside in the build-up and City players were furious the flag was not raised earlier to prevent any damage being done to the Brazilian.

Guardiola's men dominated for the opening half-hour but lacked the poise of De Bruyne or presence of Haaland up front to turn their possession into a cutting edge.

When City did break the deadlock, it took a moment of brilliance from Bernardo Silva.

The Portuguese backheeled Kyle Walker's low cross into the far corner on 26 minutes.

Moments later only a brilliant save from Martin Dubravka turned another sweet strike from Silva onto the post.

But the match was transformed in a stunning two-minute period just before half-time.

Bruno Guimaraes cut open the City backline with one pass that freed Isak, who cut inside Walker and curled brilliantly into the far corner.

Seconds later, the Swede's strike was surpassed as Anthony Gordon followed a similar route by turning inside onto his right foot and firing into the far corner.

City restored their control of the game at the start of the second period, but again lacked a punch in attack until De Bruyne made his return to Premier League action for the first time since the opening day of the season.

The 32-year-old, who made his comeback as a substitute in a 5-0 rout of Huddersfield in the FA Cup last weekend, quickly showed what the European champions have been missing.

Canadian still the king

Undefeated Artur Beterbiev defended three world light-heavyweight boxing titles by stopping Britain's Callum Smith in the seventh round on Sunday, winning by knockout for the 20th time in as many fights.

Beterbiev, a 38-year-old Russian-born Canadian, stopped the Englishman after two minutes of the seventh round.

A hard right hand by Beterbiev to the side of Smith's head was the stunner that set up a series of punishing lefts to the head and a final right-left combination crumpled the Englishman to the canvas for the first time in his career at any level 70 seconds into the seventh round. Smith rose against but Beterbiev quickly landed another combo and Smith's corner halted the bout moments later.

Lethal Leinster leave opponents stunned

Four-time Champions Cup winners Leinster hammered Stade Francais 43-7 on Sunday to book their place in the last 16 where they were joined by Toulouse who crushed Ulster 48-24.

Leinster raced out to a 17-0 halftime lead thanks to tries from Ireland internationals James Lowe, Josh van der Flier and Dan Sheehan.

Second-half doubles from Jordan Larmour and Caelan Doris extended the home side's dominance to make it three wins from three in Pool 4.

There was a consolation try for Stade's Joris Segonds, but it was all too little, too late against a strong Irish side.

The Dublin-based province, which has been beaten in the last two Cup finals by Ronan O'Gara's La Rochelle team, now look well set for another run towards the final in London on May 25, Six Nations obligations for internationals notwithstanding.

Also in Pool 4, Stormers held on to beat Sale 31-24.

Toulouse, the record five-time champions, ran in seven tries to comfortably beat Ulster in Belfast for a third win in three Pool 2 games.

Scrum-half star Antoine Dupont scored two tries, in the 35th and 53rd minutes, as the French giants also recorded a third successive bonus point win. Peato Mauvaka (two), Matthis Lebel, Alexandre Roumat and Emmanuel Meafou added tries for Toulouse.

Dupont, who will miss the forthcoming Six Nations to focus on playing in the Sevens tournament at the Paris Olympics, was replaced by Paul Graou in the 70th minute.

Man of the match Dupont was seen at the end of the game nursing an ice pack against his right shoulder.

Mickey Oh and Matthew Howlett winning the Devonport Cup in Launceston on Saturday night. Picture: Stacey Lear

MICKEY OH YOU BEAUT

Duncan Dornauf

Mickey Oh gave his young trainer-driver Matthew Howlett another feature race win when scoring in the Hardings Group Devonport Pacing Cup (2698m) at Listed level in Launceston on Saturday night.

Sent out as the $2.30 favourite, Mickey Oh galloped away in the standing start event and settled near the tail before improving three-wide from the 1800m to find the spot outside the leader at the 1200m.

From there, Howlett drove a confident race to defeat Gordans Bay ($16) by 2.6m, with Cool Water Paddy ($19) back in third position with the mile rating recorded in 2:01.4s.

"(I'm) pretty chuffed. I didn't think he could do that to Tassie's best. He is just so tough," said Howlett post-race.

"I thought pre-race there wasn't many in the race that could do work, and I had to use that to my advantage, and although the start didn't help, I still had to drive him to his strengths. I knew he would battle on," added the trainer-driver.

As for future plains, Howlett indicated the state's only equine Group I race is the likely target.

"The Tassie Cup is probably the aim. It is the one everyone wants to win, but I will see how he pulls up this week before deciding on Hobart Pacing Cup (28 January), but as long as the horse is well, we'll keep going this prep," he said.

Mickey Oh is a five-year-old gelding and has now won just over $180,000 in stake earnings. He was purchased for only $16,000 at the 2020 Tasmanian Harness Racing Yearling Sale by Matt along with his father and stable helper Chris, along with Tasmanian golfing legend Elliot Booth.

Braden, Matthew and Eliza Howlett, Elliot Booth and Chris Howlett with Mickey Oh after his Devonport Cup win. Picture: Stacey Lear

While Matthew looks like he will have plenty of fun in 2024 on the track with Mickey Oh it will be just as exciting off the track.

Matthew and his partner, Maddie White, are expecting their first child in June before they tie the knot in November.

CARR CLAIMS FOUR

Brighton trainer Siggy Carr had a night out at Friday's Launceston thoroughbred meeting, preparing a personal best of four winners on the eight-race card.

Her first winner was two-year-old Ms Tasmania ($2.05 fav), who will now be aimed at next month's Magic Millions Classic in Launceston.

"We put her away (after her first start) with the intentions of the Magic Millions, but we didn't want to go there off the back of her Hobart run (on debut). I was happy to sacrifice a race and teach her to settle today, and if she had run home nice, then so be it. But she actually surprised me. That was impressive, and she still has a bit to improve on," said Carr, who also took the ride.

Carr was also in the saddle for the wins on Rockierro ($2.90 fav) and Swoop There It Is ($2.60 fav), while Lizze Annells rode Periwinkle ($6.50) to victory for the stable later in the night.

Duncan Dornauf is also a race caller for Sky Racing

Son of a gun will tick Gold Cup box

Trenton Akers

Jaden Lloyd will make a bucket list trip to Singapore to fill a spot on their jockey roster before racing in the jurisdiction shuts down in October.

The Queensland-based son of a gun will look to follow in his famous father Jeff's footsteps by winning the Group 1 Gold Cup this year on Kranji's final day of racing.

Jockey Jaden Lloyd.

While many are fleeing racing in Singapore, Lloyd said it presented a huge opportunity to ride there before it shut downs.

"The prizemoney has increased for the final year, it's actually very good prizemoney and everyone knows it is shutting down, but it's good to have on the resume," he said.

"I have always wanted to go up there and ride and I was running out of time, so I thought it was a good decision to get away from everything here for a bit and try my luck in Singapore.

"A couple of jockeys have already left, so they were looking for riders, hopefully that presents a few opportunities.

"There are some really good ones up there still like Vlad Duric, I just want to go up there and work hard."

Jeff Lloyd won the Gold Cup at Singapore in 2006 as part of a successful stint in the city and Jaden says he is keen to win the last edition of the race.

RACE RESULTS

SALE GALLOPS

Track: Soft (5)

DAILY DOUBLE: 2 Magic Drum 5 Miss Keeler $34.40. Subs: 4, 11.

TREBLE: 2 Magic Drum 7 Aria Electra 5 Miss Keeler $141.80. Subs: 4, 7, 11.

QUADDIE: 9 1 Miss Margie 2 Magic Drum 7 Aria Electra 5 Miss Keeler $671.10. Subs: 9, 4, 7, 11.

1—SANLAM WEALTH MDN PLATE 1400m: 4.40 WILLMOTT (b G 3y Pierro - Koala Bear. Trainer: Archie Alexander) 58 (Jye McNeil) 1, 1.75 fav HARALDUS 58 (L Currie) 2, 10.00 LILICA EBET 57.5 cd 54.5 (Luke Cartwright) 3. Then followed: 41.00 Tavino Bay 31.00 Cudmore Street 26.00 Defense Tycoon 21.00 Cleopatra Link 8.00 Exquisite Vision 41.00 Jenni Of Avalon Scr: Need A Miracle, Mawhera, Love Is Eastside, Skywriter, Jett Rockin', Katerini, Let's Get Lit, Kooley, Miss Lum. 1/2 len, 4 len. Time: 1:24.15. **Tab Nos: 7 Willmott $4.40 $1.50 5 Haraldus $1.30 10 Lilica Ebet $2.30. Quinella: $4.30. Exacta: $10.20. Trifecta: $63.80. Duets: 7-5: $2.20, 7-10: $5.20, 5-10: $3.30. First 4: (7 5 10 3) $317.00. Scr: 2,6,12,13,14,15,17,18,11(L).**

2—HIGGINS MACHINERY & MECHANICAL SERVICES MDN PLATE 1600m: 2.05 fav LUKAN (b G 4y Sweet Orange (USA) - Sister O'reilly (NZ). Trainer: M Price & M Kent Jnr) 59.5 (Jordan Childs) 1, 6.50 KUROSHINZO 59.5 (D W Stackhouse) 2, 31.00 SLIPPERY RICH 58 (B Higgins) 3. Then followed: 10.00 Absolute Deel 9.00 Sacred Ted 26.00 Martin 26.00 Impact A Lot 6.50 Flag Flyer 31.00 Lunar Frost 26.00 Spanish Idol 101.00 Smart Madam 5 1.00 Classic Story Scr: Reactivate, Lucky Duck. SN, HD. Time: 1:38.17. **Tab Nos: 4 Lukan $1.70 $1.10 3 Kuroshinzo $2.40 9 Slippery Rich $6.90. Quinella: $5.20. Exacta: $10.20. Trifecta: $125.30. Duets: 4-3: $2.80, 4-9: $11.50, 3-9: $27.20. First 4: (4 3 9 1) $556.30. Scr: 6,13(L).**

Track: Changed To Good (4)

3—CARLTON DRAUGHT MDN PLATE 1200m: 11.00 HEY FAT CAT (br G 3y Rubick - Keep De Rose (NZ). Trainer: R E Laing) 58 (A Lynch) 1, 19.00 LA MAGIA 56 (D Moor) 2, 19.00 ZWASP 58 (Jye McNeil) 3. Then followed: 11.00 Within Sight 4.40 fav Umubula 5.00 Burj Emperor 11.00 The Satisfyer 21.00 Laboriosa 9.00 Mclovin 21.00 Variant 9.00 Pano's Pride 51.00 Love For Us 15.00 Sun Halo 201.00 Cruyffa All Started. 7-1/2 len, NS. Time: 1:08.77. **Tab Nos: 2 Hey Fat Cat $11.00 $3.20 10 La Magia $6.00 8 Zwasp $3.60. Quinella: $138.70. Exacta: $123.10. Trifecta: $3,198.30. Duets: 2-10: $44.50, 2-8: $27.30, 10-8: $50.10. First 4: (2 10 8 14) Not won pool jackpots. All Started.**

4—FANTASY COCKTAILS MDN PLATE 1100m: 10.00 OUR MALYSHKA (ch F 3y Russian Revolution - Strylum. Trainer: Luke Oliver) 56 (Jye McNeil) 1, 1.24 fav MY NAME IS 58 (D Moor) 2, 61.00 RAVEN'S SILVER 59.5 cd 56.5 (Ms D Keane) 3. Then followed: 61.00 Gracious Diva 15.00 Dominant Miss 31.00 Injair 16.00 Sakuzu 13.00 Wayhere 151.00 Waz Da Boss 81.00 Redfirelight Scr: Este Dia, Flower Gallery, Our Girl Britney, Brazen Bliss, Bright Luna. 3/4 len, 1-3/4 len. Time: 1:03.37. **Tab Nos: 13 Our Malyshka $11.40 $1.90 4 My Name Is $1.00 2 Raven's Silver $6.30. Quinella: $3.60. Exacta: $21.30. Trifecta: $419.50. Duets: 13-4: $2.00, 13-2: $46.20, 4-2: $12.00. First 4: (13 4 2 7) $2,974.50. Scr: 3,6,8,11,10(L).**

5—COLMAC HOMES (BM64) 1000m: 3.60 fav I MISS MARGIE (b F 3y Deep Field - Cuban Gold. Trainer: T Busuttin & N Young) 55.5 (L Currie) 1, 8.50 FREEWAYS 56.5 (Zac Spain) 2, 8.50 SNAPPY MAGNUS 59 (A Lynch) 3. Then followed: 11.00 Moonlight Rustler 8.50 I'M Cheeky 6.00 My Haruconi 8.00 Change Is Coming 5.00 Hybrid Moments Scr: Octavin, Style And Grace. 3-3/4 len, 1/2 len. Time: 0:57.16. **Tab Nos: 9 I Miss Margie $3.30 $1.70 6 Freeways $2.50 2 Snappy Magnus $2.60. Quinella: $21.00. Exacta: $23.40. Trifecta: $208.60. Duets: 9-6: $6.80, 9-2: $3.90, 6-2: $11.20. First 4: (9 6 2 7) $1,148.20. Scr: 1,10.**

6—SANLAM WEALTH (BM58) 1200m: 4.20 MAGIC DRUM (b G 6y Magic Albert - A Good Heart. Trainer: Kasey Wilson) 62.0 cd 59 (Caitlin Hollowood) 1, 41.00 BIG DARRYL 60 (A Lynch) 2, 2.45 fav JUICE BOX 60.5 (D W Stackhouse) 3. Then followed: 21.00 And She Was 9.50 Sweet 'N' Spicy 8.50 Robert The Puss 61.00 Montenegro 21.00 Coronation Ally 12.00 Luv A Duck 8.50 Nakedness Scr: Gronkowski, Ataegina. 3/4 len, 1/2 len. Time: 1:09.74. **Tab Nos: 2 Magic Drum $3.90 $1.50 7 Big Darryl $7.20 4 Juice Box $1.40. Quinella: $106.10. Exacta: $153.00. Trifecta: $590.70. Duets: 2-7: $29.60, 2-4: $2.50, 7-4: $14.60. First 4: (2 7 4 10) $3,024.70. Scr: 1,11.**

7—VALE LIFE MEMBER PETER GRAY (BM64) 1717m: 2.80 fav ARIA ELECTRA (ch M Sy Scissor Kick - Impact Game (JPN). Trainer: Peter Gelagotis) 58 (Jye McNeil) 1, 10.00 LITTLE JACK 59 (J Mashell) 2, 19.00 CHARISSE 57 (D W Stackhouse) 3. Then followed: 5.00 Spirit Beast 19.00 Settat 61.00 Battle Sound 9.50 Lightning Flash 3.60 Gin O'Clock (IRE) 71.00 Whirly Jig 41.00 Sound Of Cannons (GB) 151.00 Wiesenbach (GB) Scr: Schweinsteiger, Immediacy, Rose Dior, La Gioia. 1 len, 3 len. Time: 1:45.17. **Tab Nos: 7 Aria Electra $3.00 $1.30 5 Little Jack $2.90 13 Charisse $4.20. Quinella: $16.00. Exacta: $24.90. Trifecta: $258.60. Duets: 7-5: $6.10, 7-13: $8.60, 5-13: $28.20. First 4: (7 5 13 4) $1,027.20. Scr: 6,8,10,14.**

8—LADBROKE IT! (BM64) 1400m: 5.00 MISS KEELER (b/br M 6y Toronado (IRE) - Harrow. Trainer: J T Conlan) 59 (Beau Mertens) 1, 11.00 ANTARCTIC OCEAN 60 (A Lynch) 2, 10.00 NEW HAMPSHIRE 58.5 (Jordan Childs) 3. Then followed: 6.50 Dummy Spit 8.50 Cours Vite 4.60 Trial By Press 3.50 fav Shumme (JPN) 31.00 Cable De Vega Scr: The Deputy, Darra Linen, Misspoke, Oh No George. NS, 1-1/4 len. Time: 1:23.82. **Tab Nos: 5 Miss Keeler $5.50 $1.70 1 Antarctic Ocean $3.00 7 New Hampshire $2.80. Quinella: $26.40. Exacta: $41.20. Trifecta: $322.90. Duets: 5-1: $8.40, 5-7: $4.10, 1-7: $14.80. First 4: (5 1 7 6) $1,456.50. Scr: 4,9,10,12.**

WODONGA GALLOPS

Track: Good (4)

DAILY DOUBLE: 3 Missed Victory 12 Monday Miss $136.50. Subs: 1, 8.

TREBLE: 3 Missed Victory 3 Native Leaf 12 Monday Miss $4,060.30. Subs: 1, 8, 8.

QUADDIE: 2 A Pinch Of Luck 3 Missed Victory 3 Native Leaf 12 Monday Miss $9,389.30. Subs: 1, 1, 8, 8.

1—RYAN AND MCNULTY SAWMILLS MDN 1100m: 6.50 GALA DIAMOND (b G 4y Bel Esprit - Gala Princess. Trainer: Ms D Gaskin) 59.5 (Neil Farley) 1, 101.00 SETLIN CHARLIE 59.5 (N Souquet) 2, 4.40 fav POSITIVE SMILE 58 (Laura Lafferty) 3. Then followed: 41.00 Pretty Penguin 12.00 Washington 5.00 Miss Winslet 6.00 Holler Point 6.00 The Cuban 21.00 Shall We Play 61.00 Circa 18.00 Sweet Charlie 14.00 Biosphere Scr: Crisis Free, Soho Coco, Chihuahua, Lunar Sister. 1 len, 3/4 len. Time: 1:04.55. **Tab Nos: 2 Gala Diamond $7.70 $2.30 3 Setlin Charlie $21.00 5 Positive Smile $1.90. Quinella: $311.70. Exacta: $603.50. Trifecta: $2,332.20. Duets: 2-3: $50.60, 2-5: $5.90, 3-5: $72.90. First 4: (2 3 5 15) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 1,10,11,16.**

2—PET STOCK LAVINGTON AND WODONGA MDN PLATE 1300m: 2.10 AIA MOANA (b F 3y Lean Mean Machine - Fantasy Gal (USA). Trainer: D T O'Brien) 56 (Liam Riordan) 1, 2.05 fav SECRET STONES 59.5 (Laura Lafferty) 2, 81.00 SALLY IN THE SUN 57.5 (Connor Murtagh) 3. Then followed: 14.00 Munich Marble 21.00 Precious Conflict 26.00 Another Success 31.00 Librarchy's Dancer 21.00 Hadar 201.00 Handsome Hostage Scr: Manalore, O'please, Rowdy Shebang, Sacred Shiloba. 1 len, 6 len. Time: 1:16.85. **Tab Nos: 10 Aia Moana $2.00 $1.10 4 Secret Stones $1.10 13 Sally In The Sun $8.10. Quinella: $1.70. Exacta: $3.00. Trifecta: $65.90. Duets: 10-4: $1.30, 10-13: $20.10, 4-13: $21.60. First 4: (10 4 13 7) $172.70. Scr: 6,8,11,12.**

3—M FORCE SECURITY MAIDEN PLATE 1590m: 1.95 fav CELNADO (b G 4 y Toronado (IRE) - Celsius. Trainer: Ms A Yates) 59.5 (Connor Murtagh) 1, 51.00 QUAMBY 59.5 (Logan McNeil) 2, 91.00 SIR CALLAHAN 58 (Tahlia Hope) 3. Then followed: 18.00 My Prediction 12.00 Knight Island 31.00 Undisturbed 5.50 Jeffo 26.00 Phorcys 12.00 Brilliant Badger 6.50 It's The Milleman 61.00 Got The Tingles 61.00 Boldazz 101.00 Night Must Fall Scr: Dusty's Reward, Slate Ripper. 3 len, LH. Time: 1:35.55. **Tab Nos: 2 Celnado $1.80 $1.20 8 Quamby $10.80 12 Sir Callahan $20.40. Quinella: $56.70. Exacta: $81.30. Trifecta: $1,817.20. Duets: 2-8: $17.90, 2-12: $13.30, 8-12: $299.80. First 4: (2 8 12 6) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 3,13.**

4—SLINGSBY GIN HCP (58) 1590m: 5.50 A PINCH OF LUCK (b M 6y Shamus Award - A Pinch Of Salt. Trainer: Mitchell Leek) 58 (Liam Riordan) 1, 11.00 DOCTOR ROBERT 58 (Tahlia Hope) 2, 8.50 FIRMASA ROCK 56.0 cd 54 (Tom Prebble) 3. Then followed: 31.00 Okra 3.30 fav A Magic Gust 8.00 Mursa Magic 14.00 Mescaminto 101.00 Wheat Rose 21.00 Tottenham Hotspur 91.00 Saint Henry 4.40 Batahi Scr: Dark Legacy, The Way I Am. 2 len, 1-1/2 len. Time: 1:35.28. **Tab Nos: 2 A Pinch Of Luck $6.00 $1.90 3 Doctor Robert $3.50 7 Firm As A Rock $2.70. Quinella: $38.80. Exacta: $70.70. Trifecta: $407.60. Duets: 2-3: $15.00, 2-7: $8.10, 3-7: $16.70. First 4: (2 3 7 10) $3,069.80. Scr: 5,8.**

5—BLACKLOCKS SKODA HCP (58) 2050m: 26.00 MISSED VICTORY (ch G 5y Ready For Victory - Never Miss. Trainer: N J Dyer) 58.5 (J Keating) 1, 6.00 RHONDA VOUS 58 (Liam Riordan) 2, 4.00 fav DIONISIO 60 (Tahlia Hope) 3. Then followed: 9.50 Chestnut Thunder 9.00 Untamed Spirit 13.00 Rainbow Thief 5.00 Mrs Murphy 17.00 Sledge 17.00 Cracking Dawn 7.00 Sweet Bella All Started. LN, 1 len. Time: 2:05.02. **Tab Nos: 3 Missed Victory $21.40 $4.80 4 Rhonda Vous $2.30 1 Dionisio $2.40. Quinella: $36.60. Exacta: $124.50. Trifecta: $339.60. Duets: 3-4: $13.20, 3-1: $23.10, 4-1: $6.90. First 4: (3 4 1 7) $1,033.60. All Started.**

Track: Changed To Good (3)

6—BET365 TOP TOTE PLUS HCP (58) 1300m: 31.00 NATIVE LEAF (b G 6y Cluster - Turntosuccess. Trainer: Sylvia Thompson) 59.5 (Simon Miller) 1, 6.50 TEETOTAL 59.5 (Logan McNeil) 2, 26.00 MIDIVANI 56 (Connor Murtagh) 3. Then followed: 12.00 Milkii Magic 8.00 Heroic Chief 2.50 fav Bodboo Boogie 8.00 Eamonn's Memory 18.00 Jayzeal 21.00 Mahjing 8.50 Just Wishing 51.00 Garros 26.00 Kermalaw Scr: Chelsea Toff, Shaolin Temple, Eitlit, Jahbuth. SHH, 1 len. Time: 1:16.11. **Tab Nos: 3 Native Leaf $43.20 $10.20 4 Teetotal $2.20 12 Midivani $7.70. Quinella: $103.00. Exacta: $248.50. Trifecta: $7,582.40. Duets: 3-4: $36.10, 3-12: $84.50, 4-12: $37.80. First 4: (3 4 12 11) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 6,9,15,16.**

7—DA SIGNS HCP (58) 1100m: 4.40 fav MONDAY MISS (ch M Sy Bon Hoffa - Sliding Fast. Trainer: C D Widdison) 57 (N Souquet) 1, 7.00 PRETTY PANDA 58 (Laura Lafferty) 2, 12.00 TIMBOLTON 59.5 cd 57.5 (Tom Prebble) 3. Then followed: 5.00 Defence Force 16.00 Alemboe 41.00 Sweet Beluga 26.00 Night Of Mayhem 11.00 Tifosi 9.00 Zoulon 26.00 Raise Hell 5.50 At The Mint Scr: Bold Intentions, Cobblestone Way, Guaranteed, Factually, Bromeo. SHH, 2-1/4 len. Time: 1:04.34. **Tab Nos: 12 Monday Miss $4.80 $2.30 9 Pretty Panda $3.30 2 Timbolton $4.80. Quinella: $18.00. Exacta: $41.80. Trifecta: $1,065.10. Duets: 12-9: $6.00, 12-2: $16.10, 9-2: $25.50. First 4: (12 9 2 1) $1,794.80. Scr: 5,6,7,11,13.**

LAUNCESTON HARNESS

Run Saturday - Track: Good

1 - COLLINS HOMES PACE 1680m: 5.00 CINOCAL JAMANE (bay m By Auckland Reactor (NZ) - Laconic Trainer: B Yole) sr (M Ford) 1, 4.80 KENS CHIPS fr (J Walters) 2, 23.00 NINE DIAMONDS fr (H Van Dongen) 3. Then followed: 18.00 Cheddar Valley 41.00 The Democrat 14.00 Staley 3.40 fav Blackjack Jim 4.80 Gaeneveres Madonna 81.00 Karalta Dazzler 101.00 Ah Mach 51.00 Caribbean Delight 12.00 Hot Embers Last. Scr: Vigoroso. 4.7m, 2.8m. Time: 2.04.6. (rate: 1.59.4). **Tab Nos: 10 Cinocal Jamane $6.50 $2.20 5 Kens Chips $2.20 7 Nine Diamonds $4.40. Quinella: $26.10. Exacta: $45.40. Trifecta: $844.00. First 4: (10 5 7 8) Jackpot. Duets: 10-5: Jackpot. 10-7: Jackpot. 5-7: Jackpot. Scr: 11.**

2 - LADBROKE IT! STAKES 2200m: 34.00 NAURU (bay/br m 4y Betting Lane (USA) - Lombo Anastasia. Trainer: T Rattray) sr (R Duggan) 1, 2.70 fav SPORTZSILK fr (J Duggan) 2, 19.00 CASCADE STRIDE fr (R Walters) 3. Then followed: 7.00 Nancys Hope 3.90 Glenwood Beauty 3.60 Not Yet Mum 101.00 Pepper Stride 51.00 Iden Beejay 41.00 Major Ideal 71.00 Marisol 31.00 Demolition Line last. All started. 1.8m, 5.8m. Time: 2.48.0. (rate: 2.02.9). **Tab Nos: 8 Nauru $32.80 $5.90 2 Sportzsilk $1.00 1 Cascade Stride $4.00. Quinella: $19.30. Exacta: $161.10. Trifecta: $697.50. First 4: (8 2 1 9) Jackpot. Duets: 8-2: $11.00. 8-1: $3.60. 2-1: $8.80.**

3 - LADBROKES MARES INCENTIVE 2200m: 12.00 BLACKBIRD MISS (bay m 7y Mach Three (CA) - Power Player (NZ). Trainer: R Hillier) fr (R Duggan) 1, 1.15 fav LIL RIPPER (NZ) fr (R Hillier) 2, 31.00 JUNIPER sr (N Ford) 3. Then followed: 23.00 Gypsy Amour 34.00 Charmedforareason 101.00 Merry Dancer 23.00 Syzate 17.00 I Of The Hurrikane 41.00 Yeah Sophie 34.00 Cocora Last. All started. 2.4m, 16.4m. Time: 2.43.7. (rate: 1.59.7). **Tab Nos: 1 Blackbird Miss $12.20 $1.80 5 Lil Ripper $1.00 10 Juniper $4.00. Quinella: $2.90. Exacta: $38.70. Trifecta: $364.40. First 4: (1 5 10 3) Jackpot. Duets: 1-5: Jackpot. 1-10: Jackpot. 5-10: Jackpot.**

4 - BEVAN LEE'S BUTCHERY STAKES 1680m: 4.20 fav ROYAL APPOINTMENT (bay g 4y Guaranteed - Lost In System. Trainer: M Laugher) fr (R Hillier) 1, 6.50 JUST TIGER fr (C Castles) 2, 10.00 MAJOR LESTER sr (O Weidenbach) 3. Then followed: 8.00 Emjays Black Chip 41.00 Debt Till We Part 10.00 Fleetwood Rock 101.00 Lanoch Boy 34.00 Badgiesmuggler 51.00 Alexis Rocket 6.50 Letsplayuni 4.40 Enstein 21.00 Justify Last. Scr: Bigimvalentine. 2.6m, 2.1m. Time: 2.05.4. (Rate: 2.00.1). **Tab Nos: 6 Royal Appointment $3.90 $1.90 4 Just Tiger $2.60 12 Major Lester $2.80. Quinella: $17.50. Exacta: $35.40. Trifecta: $170.50. First 4: (6 4 12 8) $978.70. Duets: 6-4: $6.50. 6-12: $4.60. 4-12: $14.70. Scr: 10.**

Due to earlier publishing deadlines, results for races 5 to 9 could not be included.

TAB LAUNCESTON GREYHOUNDS

TONIGHT **TAB CODE: TG**

DAILY DOUBLE 6 & 8
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 6, 7, 8
QUADDIE 5, 6, 7, 8

1 7.13 CLARKIE TYRES EQ1

Grade 6 278m.

Bx	PS	Dog	PB	PPO	Trainer	Early Speed
1	78276	VERONICA LODGE	NBT	$7	E Thomas	
2	58	RAELENE ROSS	FSH	$11	R Work	
3		NITRO BLAZE	FSH	$2.50	P Hili	
4	5	COMING UNDONE	NBT	$11	N Howard	
5	16264	BUCKLE UP SHAVI	NBT	$5	G Johnson	
6	38655	BEARVILLE BLUES	NBT	$7	GA Ilford	
7	2643	CHOICE NINE	NBT	$7	P Hal	
8		REMEMBER DES	FSH	$11	P Hal	

NITRO BLAZE 1, Buckle Up Shavi 2, Bearville Blues 3, Choice Nine 4

2 7.31 CLARKIE TYRES EQ2

Grade 6 278m.

1		EWING	FSH	$11	P Hal	
2	452	BEARVILLE FREDDY	NBT	$7	GA Ilford	
3	22165	WINGS TO BURN	NBT	$7	N Howard	
4	77	MAD EYE ROSS	FSH	$5	R Work	
5		LOVE IS GONE	FSH	$5	N Howard	
6	3768	SPEEDY GIRL RISA	NBT	$5	P Hal	
7	62432	BUCKLE UP MILES	NBT	$5	G Johnson	
8	36148	MY STORM	NBT	$4	S Martin	

MY STORM 1, Buckle Up Miles 2, Speedy Girl Risa 3, Love Is Gone 4

3 7.57 CLARKIE TYRES EQ3

Grade 6 278m.

1	532	CHASING LADY	NBT	$5	B Deverell	
2	7	MATT'S SECRET	FSH	$11	P Hal	
3		NITRO BLITZ	FSH	$2.50	P Hili	
4	274	BEARVILLE HONEY	FSH	$11	GA Ilford	
5	2754	SHE'S A FAWN	NBT	$11	P Hal	
6	5	INFURIATING	NBT	$11	L Howard	
7	867	MRS. CAMPBELL	NBT	$7	R Work	
8	10233	WHISKEY TYCOON	NBT	$2.70	S Martin	

NITRO BLITZ 1, Whiskey Tycoon 2, Mrs. Campbell 3, Chasing Lady 4

4 8.19 CLARKIE TYRES EQ4

Juvenile Maiden 515m.

1	37877	WYNBURN LILL	NBT	$11	B Deverell	
2	34235	FLAMING FLIRT	NBT	$4	L Howard	
3	32287	BUCKLE UP MAJEL	NBT	$2.50	G Johnson	
4	42412	BUCKLE UP TAJA	NBT	$4	G Johnson	
5	34665	OSPREY KNIGHT	NBT	$11	N Howard	
6	123	BUCKLE UP ALFIE	FSTD	$7	G Johnson	
7	28545	HIGHGATE HANNAH	NBT	$11	D Crane	
8	68547	HOT DIGGITY	NBT	$11	F Feerey	

BUCKLE UP MAJEL 1, Flaming Flirt 2, Buckle Up Taja 3, Buckle Up Alfie 4

5 8.42 CLARKIE TYRES Q1

Grade 4 515m.

1	11141	LANGLEY FLYER	29.64	$2.70	B England	
2	34216	SUPREME LEADER	29.67	$3	G Fahey	
3	26534	BUCKLE UP HAZEL	29.70	$11	G Johnson	
4	47446	ZIPPING MARIAH	30.37	$11	E Thomas	
5		Vacant Box				
6	15144	WYNBURN HONEY	29.73	$5	B England	
7	46512	ZIPPING FOXY	FSTD	$11	W Howells	
8	15111	DARRYL'S CHOICE	29.65	$5	N Alison	

LANGLEY FLYER 1, Supreme Leader 2, Wynburn Honey 3, Darryl's Choice 4

6 9.04 CLARKIE TYRES DD1 Q2

Grade 5 515m.

1	66324	AWESOME ROCKY	30.41	$11	G Townsend	
2	25722	CHLOE'S COMET	NBT	$5	E Thomas	
3	65184	TOMMY RICO	FSH	$11	D Crane	
4	74267	GRACIE FLYER	NBT	$5	S Elphinstone	
5	33565	BUCKLE UP IVETA	30.14	$7	G Johnson	
6	55453	KAKARIKI	30.23	$11	D Williams	
7	27837	BUCKLE UP TAHLIA	30.26	$2.50	G Johnson	
8	73164	AKUNA STREET	30.04	$2.70	C Hepburn	

BUCKLE UP TAHLIA 1, Akuna Street 2, Chloe's Comet 3, Gracie Flyer 4

7 9.25 INVITATION STAKE Q3

Invitation 515m.

1	23878	SMOKIN' RICO	29.73	$13	P Hili	
2	14121	RAIDER'S GUIDE	29.32	$2	G Fahey	
3		Vacant Box				
4	43117	FAST MINARDI	29.18	$2.50	P Hili	
5	22235	NITRO HARVEY	29.37	$4	P Hili	
6		Vacant Box				
7	12554	MONTANA GRACE	30.07	$11	B Macrosta	
8	27475	BUCKLE UP ELI	29.84	$1.70	G Johnson	

RAIDER'S GUIDE 1, Fast Minardi 2, Nitro Harvey 3, Montana Grace 4

8 9.51 CLARKIE TYRES DD2 Q4

Grade 5 515m.

1	34555	SLICK MOVE	NBT	$11	R Work	
2	88627	TRALEE WOLF	29.88	$4	A Collis	
3	86575	AHSOKA TANO	NBT	$11	S Marshall	
4	76212	MY BABY BLACK	NBT	$4	D Williams	
5	43628	MIGHTY FLIRT	NBT	$5	N Howard	
6	14383	BUCKLE UP ABBY	NBT	$5	G Johnson	
7	15156	MR. TEN PERCENT	NBT	$11	D Critchley	
8	42333	FACADE	NBT	$5	B Smith	

TRALEE WOLF 1, My Baby Black 2, Mighty Flirt 3, Buckle Up Abby 4

9 10.15 CLARKIE TYRES

Invitation 278m.

1	64351	ORSON EMMY	NBT	$11	G Johnson	
2	52162	CROSS THE RIVER	16.03	$11	R Work	
3	72168	ZURI	16.07	$11	N Gibson	
4	26343	MOVE YOUR FEET	15.95	$5	L Howard	
5	3012	MISS EVEREST	16.16	$5	W Howells	
6	51117	WYNBURN BLONDIE	15.95	$4	B England	
7	88811	PIPE COVE	15.96	$3	N Howard	
8	25875	MY MATE BLUEY	16.16	$7	S Gerrard	

PIPE COVE 1, Wynburn Blondie 2, Miss Everest 3, Move Your Feet 4

10 10.36 CLARKIE TYRES

Grade 5 278m.

1	7774	BUCKLE UP BONO	NBT	$11	G Johnson	
2	15866	I'VE GOT SPARK	16.19	$11	S Gerrard	
3	53578	BOOTS AND ALL	NBT	$11	D Crane	
4	24318	CHILLED WHISKY	16.16	$2.70	N Howard	
5	36324	ARIARNE	16.14	$5	S Martin	
6	24221	STARLIGHT BLUE	16.35	$4.50	D Williams	
7	74242	AIR HEAD	16.28	$5	E Thomas	
8	34554	ENDLESS FUN	16.27	$6	S Elphinstone	
9	22448	AWESOME CHILL Res.	NBT	$11	G Townsend	
10	74674	AQUILINE NOSE Res.	16.18	$11	L Nichols	

CHILLED WHISKY 1, Starlight Blue 2, Air Head 3, Ariarne 4

TAB DUBBO RACES

TODAY **TAB CODE: SR**

DAILY DOUBLE 5 & 7
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 5, 6, 7
QUADDIE 4, 5, 6, 7

Note: Race times correct at time of publication.

THE DETAILS

RAIL: True **TRACK:** Soft (5)
TAB FIXED ODDS ALL RACES

1 1.50 COCA COLA NO SUGAR PLATE EQ1

1100m. $22,000. C,H&G Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	4	CALMUNDI (7)	WA Stanley (a1.5)	59	75	$1.00
2	0s332	CANNY PROSPECT (6) (b)	N Heywood	59	100	$1.80
3	2549s	LUSKIN VAIN (8)	Ms C Ings	59	87	$1.00
4	6	PLATINUM WARRIOR (2) (h)	Ms S Ingelse (a2)	59	84	$2.00
5		BYRON'S FARM (5)	B Nock (a1.5)	57.5	77	$1.00
6	2	CHEAP GAS (1)	J Pracey-Holmes	57.5	90	$3.60
7	7s723	HE'S ALL STYLE (3) (h)	C Gallagher	57.5	95	$3.60
8	6	PARTYGATE (4)	Scratched	57.5		–

CANNY PROSPECT 1, He's All Style 2, Cheap Gas 3, Calmundi 4

2 2.25 BARASTOC RACE N WIN PLATE EQ2

1100m. $27,000. F&M Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	0569s	CAMP COVE (4) (h)	M Stapleford (a3)	58	91	$9.00
2	0s089	KERMIE GAL (8)	K Dunbar	58	78	$101.00
3	8s520	PAINITE (7)	A Cavallo	58	87	$1.00
4	04204	SALLISTA (3)		58	88	$6.00
5	68s33	TAKEN FOR GRANTED (11)	Scratched	58		–
6	47s2	CHOICE WITNESS (5) (b)	C Vitler (a2)	56.5	100	$1.65
7	9	DERVINIA (12) (h)	R Simpson (a)	56.5	81	$8.00
8		DON'T TELL TARA (1) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitsmac	56.5	79	$1.00
9	0	FLASH DANDINO (10) (h)	M Heagney	56.5	78	$101.00
10	60s9	FLYING NINA (2)	M A Cahill	56.5	78	$1.00
11		GRAND OYSTER (9) (h)	Ms A Cooper (a1)	56.5	85	$.50
12		VERENDY (6)	B Nock (a1.5)	56.5	94	$.50

SALLISTA 1, Choice Witness 2, Verendy 3, Painite 4

3 3.00 DESSPOS SOLUTIONS EQ3

1400m. $30,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

1	24s52	MEDINAH (2) (b)		59	97	$2.60
2	00s7	TAKE IT ON THE RUN (10) (h)	R Simpson (a)	56.5	76	$1.00
3	36825	DALANTE (11) (h)	M Heagney	55.5	90	$1.00
4	6	DANCES WITH HOOVES (4) (b)	M A Cahill	55.5	94	$4.00
5	8s455	FREEWHEELER (1)	C Vitler (a2)	55.5	98	$.00
6	9s507	LAIS VAS (12) (h)	M Stapleford (a3)	55.5	87	$1.00
7	74	MISSION MUMMABEAR (3) (h)	C Gallagher	55.5	91	$0.00
8	04724	SENSEI JACKIE (7) (h)	J Pracey-Holmes	55.5	97	$3.00
9	6s80	SWEET BREEZE (5) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitsmac	55.5	73	$151.00
10	54s73	THE GIT UP (6)	B Nock (a1.5)	55.5	100	$0.00
11	36988	THE PERCENTAGE (8)	J Rogers	55.5	83	$1.00
12	63743	UNDER ACHIEVER (NZ) (9)	A Cavallo	55.5	94	$0.00

MEDINAH 1, Freewheeler 2, The Git Up 3, Dances With Hooves 4

4 3.40 MAAS MILE PLATE EQ4 Q1

1600m. $27,000. Class 1, Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	4s067	AUSSIE PHAROAH (3) (dtcw)	B Looker	59	90	$1.00
2	s5624	GIRRAGULANG (5)	Ms C Hillier (a1.5)	59	89	$6.00
3	4s534	HALLOWED STAR (14) (h)	R Simpson (a)	59	100	$4.00
4	35137	I AM CONVINCING (4) (w)	M Stapleford (a1)	59	90	$3.00
5	45324	KARAOKE KING (12) (wh)		59	96	$.50
6	s1s99	SHADOW SHOT (3)	C Gallagher	59	81	$1.00
7	67015	SNITCH'N'SNATCHING (13) (dv)	S Lisnyy	59	91	$1.00
8	147s8	ZOUCAN TOUCAN (11)	B Nock (a1.5)	59	86	$1.00
9	4s216	ROTHGATE (7) (hb)	M A Cahill	57.5	97	$.80
10	43410	DHYANI (NZ) (10) (d)	J Barrie (a2)	57	97	$9.00
11	8s64	THUNDERBOLTER (9)	N Heywood	56.5	88	$1.00
12	744s1	ERELLE (2)	C Vitler (a2)	55.5	93	$3.40
13	39s36	MRS BULL (1) (h)	Ms G Mc Donnell	55	95	$5.00
14	09	TWENTY FOUR GUNS (NZ) (6)		55	79	$1.00

ERELLE 1, Hallowed Star 2, Snitch'n'snatching 3, Karaoke King 4

5 4.20 MEDLEY REFRIGERATION & A.C. DD1 Q2

1100m. $22,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

1	89s24	DESTINY'S BOUNTY (6) (w)	W A Stanley (a1.5)	61.5	88	$2.00
2	21s	EAGLE EDGE (18) (dtcw)	C Gallagher	59	87	$3.90
3	19s	ZAP YAH (13) (dwh)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	58	85	$.50
4	7241s	PLENITUDE (9) (dtcwh)	R Simpson (a)	57.5	96	$.80
5	1s6	DANCEDES (5)	N Heywood	56.5	88	$.50
6	28174	FANTASY CROWNED (10) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitsmac	56.5	87	$4.00
7	56217	SOUTH BULLAWAY (17) (dh)	B Looker	56.5	91	$0.00
8	0327s	SPEUDOSA (7) (tw)	Ms W Peel	56.5	94	$1.00
9	93330	CUMNOCK (8) (dw)	B Nock (a1.5)	56	87	$3.00
10	170	WASTED DAYS (3) (h)	J Pracey-Holmes	56	81	$2.00
11	2985s	PAHANG (1) (wh)	Ms G Mc Donnell	55.5	91	$1.00
12	s7189	INVEST IN LOVE (15) (dt)	M Stapleford (a3)	55	82	$1.00
13	15356	CHELSEA AMANDA (16) (dtc)	Scratched	55		–
14	360s1	MONAZEL (11) (tw)	C Vitler (a2)	55	100	$1.00
		EMERGENCIES				
15	4s969	BARCOO RIVER (4)	A Cavallo	55	81	$6.00
16	80368	LADY FRAULEIN (2) (h)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	55	78	$4.00
17	00s64	PIXIE'S CHOICE (19)		55	86	$1.00
18	75089	SEASONAL SPIRIT (14) (wh)		55	69	$26.00
19	50074	SMART 'N' RITZY (12)		55	80	$26.00

MONAZEL 1, Plenitude 2, South Bullaway 3, Speudosa 4

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (1) Calmundi blinkers on first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time, stallion chain on first time; (5) Byron's Farm pre-race ear muffs on first time, gelded, lugging bit on first time, winkers on first time; (7) He's All Style winkers on first time **RACE 2:** (2) Kermie Gal tongue-tie on first time; (3) Painite brow band off first time, nasal strip on again, tongue-tie off again; (5) Taken For Granted tongue-control bit on first time, winkers on first time; (6) Choice Witness blinkers on first time **RACE 4:** (1) Aussie Pharoah blinkers on again; (4) I Am Convincing blinkers on again, winkers off first time; (10) Dhyani pre-race ear muffs off first time; (14) Twenty Four Guns blinkers on first time, winkers off first time **RACE 5:** (15) Barcoo River winkers on first time **RACE 6:** (12) Zarzou blinkers off again, near-side blinkers on first time, nose roll on first time

TAB MUSWELLBROOK RACES

TODAY **TAB CODE: CR**

DAILY DOUBLE 5 & 7
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 5, 6, 7
QUADDIE 4, 5, 6, 7

THE DETAILS

RAIL: Out 3m from the 1000m to the 300m, cut away applies, then true for the remainder. **TRACK:** Soft (5)

1 1.35 HORSE POWER HANDICAP EQ1

1000m. $22,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	23596	MY SWEET MOSES (2)	A Morgan	62	95	$4.00
2	413s8	FLYING BIRDS (8)	M Bell	61	92	$11.00
3	1	DIZE (7) (d)	Ms A Roper (a)	58.5	100	$5.00
4	80606	SCHWOON (4) (dw)	Mr P Brett Png (a3)	58	89	$13.00
5	044s0	SIPPITY SIP (6) (dw)	G Buckley	58	94	$7.00
6	4s517	SNITZAROO (5) (d)	A Bullock	58	100	$3.50
7	726s6	MARAMOTI (NZ) (9)	B Osmond (a2)	56	88	$13.00
8	13s33	STORM'S END (10) (wb)	Ms J Duggan	56	93	$7.00
9	17980	CATCH ME OUT (3) (t)	D Mc Lellan	55	78	$51.00
10	810s6	SNOW STAR (1)	Matthew Palmer	55	85	$34.00

SNITZAROO 1, My sweetmoses 2, Dize 3, Sippity Sip 4

2 2.10 TAB SUMMER SIZZLER EQ2

1000m. $22,000. Open. Apprentices can claim.

1	53147	OUTREACH TO HENRY (2) (dv)	A Gibbons	61	96	$2.50
2	5s149	SHARKIM (9) (dw)		60	88	$9.00
3	4s163	CUSTO (4) (dtcwb)	M Bell	59.5	98	$.00
4	s4074	GIDGEE GUY (6) (dtcw)	G Buckley	59.5	91	$7.00
5	43665	I'M NOT SLEW (7) (dtc)	R Jones	58.5	100	$9.00
6	5631s	SECRET SPY (1)	A Bullock	58	99	$13.00
7	1707s	POWDERFINGER (5) (w)	A Morgan	55	93	$17.00
8	21546	NOSEY (3) (dtcw)	Ms A Roper (a)	55	85	$26.00
9	7490s	SILICA SAND (8) (w)	B Osmond (a2)	55	75	$34.00

OUTREACH TO HENRY 1, Custo 2, Gidgee Guy 3, Sharkim 4

3 2.45 BENGALLA PLATE EQ3

1450m. $30,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	987s8	DEIFIC (2)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	59	81	$101.00
2	09905	GOLDEN RIVER GIFT (7)	Mr P Brett Png (a3)	59	86	$1.00
3	59840	MASTER TYLER (NZ) (9)		59	83	$1.00
4	24s52	MEDINAH (6) (b)	A Bullock	59	100	$2.25
5	596s7	SELVAM (10)	Matthew Palmer	59	80	$41.00
6	0	JAMESY (4)	Ms M Weir	57.5	90	$21.00
7	45s56	JUST BREATHE (1)	K Jennings	57	90	$17.00
8	6s672	ULTIMATE REIGN (8) (hb)	J Van Overmeire	57	92	$11.00
9	00s75	EMPRESS OF MILAN (5)	A Morgan	55.5	82	$21.00
10	3	IMAGE OF THE SUN (11)	G Buckley	55.5	93	$2.50
11	575s6	M'LADY'S LUCK (3) (h)	Ms A Roper (a)	55.5	94	$9.00

MEDINAH 1, Image Of The Sun 2, M'lady's Luck 3, Ultimate Reign 4

4 3.20 TAB HANDICAP EQ4 Q1

1450m. $30,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

1	5s827	RURA PENTHE (5)	A Bullock	60.5	95	$7.00
2	150s3	HALLOWED SON (1) (t)	J Woodhouse	59	93	$11.00
3	56124	GOLD SMILES (10) (w)	K Jennings	56.5	91	$13.00
4	1	MY RIVIERA (9) (w)	A Morgan	56.5	100	$3.50
5	721	OUTBACK CRUMPET (11) (dh)	Ms M Weir	56.5	91	$8.00
6	3s31	ZIPPO IDEA (7) (tw)	R Jones	56.5	99	$4.75
7	37491	POWER TO DECEIVE (12) (h)	Ms C Houlpatte (a2)	55.5	95	$11.00
8	77s45	WHITE ARENDELLE (2) (wh)	Ms J Duggan	55.5	94	$9.00
9	77481	ART ELIMAR (6) (h)	Ms A Roper (a)	55	99	$13.00
10	8s465	IRISH KIN (4) (wh)	J Van Overmeire	55	85	$26.00
11	99987	RANSOMING (8) (dw)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	55	81	$34.00
12	38s19	READY FOR LIFT OFF (3)	G Buckley	55	87	$26.00

MY RIVIERA 1, Zippo Idea 2, Rura Penthe 3, Outback Crumpet 4

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5 4.00 GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP DD1 Q2

1000m. $27,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

1	5s623	SUPER STORY (9)	R Jones	59	90	$5.00
2	89s	SMART JAZZ (10)	A Bullock	58.5	87	$34.00
3		THE BENTLEY (6)	A Gibbons	58.5	84	$41.00
4	6	BEERSMADEFROMWATER (12)	G Buckley	57.5	83	$13.00
5	s632s	SKY ARTIST (8)	H Van Der Hoven	57.5	100	$4.00
6	4s764	CATCHY TUNES (13)	Scratched	57		–
7	5674s	UNCLE ALF (7)		57	93	$9.00
8		CORDIALITY (5)	J Van Overmeire	56.5	87	$15.00
9		ROCKBARTON FASHION (4)	C Reith	56.5	75	$21.00
10	s0s90	AL'S ROSE (14)	D Mc Lellan	56	75	$101.00
11	5s63	CLAN D'ORO (11)	Ms A Roper (a)	56	100	$3.50
12	s9878	UFANA (1)	M Bell	56	87	$51.00
13	67280	VINLAGO (3) (h)	D Northey	56	82	$51.00
14	06257	WAR WINGS (2)	Mr P Brett Png (a3)	56	84	$34.00

CLAN D'ORO 1, Sky Artist 2, Super Story 3, Uncle Alf 4

6 4.40 BE A EQUUS MEMBER@MUSWELLBROOK Q3

1280m. $22,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

1	23s83	WEZZA (13)	A Morgan	59	100	$3.25
2	286s	ETCHED IN TIME (5)	J Van Overmeire	58.5	93	$7.00
3		BLUE AS (10)	A Bullock	57.5	90	$11.00
4	7s	NAMOI RIVER (2)	H Van Der Hoven	57.5	93	$21.00
5	5	PLUCKTEN (3)	Ms A Roper (a)	57.5	85	$11.00
6	432s	ROCKBARTON ISLAND (9)	C Reith	57.5	92	$7.00
7	3s52	ART VOLANT (1)	M Bell	56.5	96	$6.00
8	88655	AAYLA SECURA (4)	G Buckley	55	90	$13.00
9	0s9	AWESOME ICON (8)	Ms M Weir	55	75	$51.00
10	070s8	BIG BETTER BEST (6) (h)	M Squires	55	76	$51.00
11	52864	RANHITA (7)	A Gibbons	55	90	$11.00
12	09s80	SISTER JOSEPHINE (12) (h)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	55	77	$51.00
13	78437	TIME TO TURN (11)	Ms J Duggan	55	83	$9.00

WEZZA 1, Art Volant 2, Time To Turn 3, Etched In Time 4

7 5.20 BHP MT ARTHUR HANDICAP DD2 Q4

1280m. $27,000. Benchmark 58 Class 2+. Apprentices can claim.

1	9s548	OAKFIELD STORM (9) (w)	A Bullock	62.5	98	$11.00
2	18s87	DEVIL'S INN (7) (dtcwh)	B Osmond (a2)	60.5	93	$13.00
3	363s9	HARD TO DISMISS (12) (dw)	Mr M Fitzgerald (a2)	60.5	96	$9.00
4	s4s64	NAPOLI (13) (dw)	M Bell	60	99	$6.00
5	63327	FOOLISH (3) (dtcw)	A Morgan	59.5	100	$4.50
6	9s400	TOUGH CASE (5) (dtcw)	D Mc Lellan	59	87	$13.00
7	s7299	PREFER TO BE READY (NZ) (6) (dh)	J Van Overmeire	58	85	$17.00
8	27s08	NOBLE PLUCK (8) (w)	D Bennett (a3)	57.5	90	$13.00
9	56633	SHIKANIC (11) (twb)	R Jones	57.5	95	$6.00
10	08840	DEECE SCENT KISS (6) (wn)	A Gibbons	56.5	92	$11.00
11	08185	ISLEDON (10) (dtcwb)	Ms A Roper (a)	56.5	99	$8.00
12	18s00	MOVIN' DENMAN (1) (dw)	C Reith	55.5	89	$26.00
13	70297	TWITTERSPHERE (2) (h)	B Cory	55	82	$17.00

FOOLISH 1, Shikanic 2, Isledon 3, Oakfield Storm 4

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (3) Dize pre-race ear muffs on first time; (5) Sippity Sip tongue-tie on first time **RACE 3:** (6) Jamesy blinkers on first time; (11) M'lady's Luck blinkers on first time **RACE 4:** (4) My Riviera cross-over noseband on first time **RACE 5:** (2) Smart Jazz pre-race ear muffs off first time, lugging bit on first time; (3) The Bentley gelded; (4) Beersmadefromwater blinkers off first time; (8) Cordiality pre-race ear muffs on first time, lugging bit on first time; (11) Clan D'oro pre-race ear muffs off first time **RACE 6:** (2) Etched In Time blinkers off first time, cross-over noseband off first time, tongue-tie off first time; (3) Blue As blinkers on first time, gelded; (5) Pluckten tongue-tie on first time; (11) Ranhita blinkers on again, winkers off first time; (13) Time To Turn blinkers off first time, tongue-tie off first time **RACE 7:** (6) Tough Case blinkers off again; (10) Deece Scent Kiss lugging bit on again

DESTINY'S BOUNTY (Ms S Jeffries) 5G By Headwater - Pretty Belle (16:1-4-0). Struck interference at start when rk 2nd of 12 (8) $10.00 59.5 Rubi Air 1100m Narromine Hcp (C1) Good (3) Dec 5. Reasonable effort 0 len 4th of 11 (1) $6.00 60.0 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Worked home okay under 60kg to finish close to placegetters last start. 1.5kg claimer engaged. Free running. Can figure..

EAGLE EDGE (Lyle Chandler) 4G By Star Turn - Lady Limelight (2:1-1-0). Battled away gamely debut s/h hd 2nd of 12 (10) $9.00 59.0 Frosbie 1200m Tamworth Mdn Soft(5) Jun 9. Began awkwardly. Held up on straightening when 1/2 len win of 11 (1) $165 59.0 Eagledge 1100m Dubbo Mdn Plate Soft(5) Jun 26. Had the benefit of 6-3/4 len 8th of 10 (6) Burning Crown 1000m Tamworth (Barrier Trial) Soft(5) Dec 24. Resuming. Needs luck from out there. Place.

ZAP YAH (C Lundholm) 4G By Nostradamus - The Empress (2:1-0-0). Came from second half of field for debut 1/2 nk win of 12 (11) $3.50 57.5 Zap Yah 1100m Narromine Mdn Soft(5) Aug 20. Slowly away. Laid out in straight when 3-3/4 len 9th of 14 (1) $6.00 56.0 Simply Xtravagant 1300m Dubbo Hcp (C1) Good(4) Sep 10. First up. One for exotics.

PLENITUDE (C Lundholm) 3G By Kermadec (NZ) - Top Magic (4:3-1-0). On return from break finished 1-1/2 len 4th of 10 (8) $7.50 58.0 Bare To Witness 1100m Dubbo 2yo Open Hcp Good(4) May 20. Keen when 1/2 len win of 11 (7) $75 0 52.5 Plenitude 1100m Dubbo 2yo Open Hcp Soft(5) Jun 9. Resuming. Take beating.

DANCEDES (Cameron Crockett) 4M By Denman - Moscedes (2:1-0-0). Came from second half of field for debut 1/2 nk win of 10 (2) $1.60 55.5 Dancedes 900m Scone 3yo+ Mdn Good(4) Jan 27. Balanced up midfield when 5 len 6th of 11 (4) $5.50 58.0 Tabata Set 1100m Scone (Bm58) Good(4) Dec 19. Freshened. Coming off an average run in similar grade at Scone first up. Worth some thought..

FANTASY CROWNED (Ms J Galea) 4G By Hallowed Crown - Lucky Fantasy (7:1-1-0). Began awkwardly. Ordered to trial when 12 len 7th of 8 (8) $6.50 56.0 Pyromania 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Good(4) Oct 15. Keen. Raced three wide when 2 len 4th of 11 (10) $12.00 52.0 Timmy 1200m Dubbo Hcp (C1) Good(4) Nov 4. Returning from let up. Fair effort without threatening here last outing. Place preferred..

SOUTH BULLAWAY (C Lundholm) 3G By Charge Forward - Delabombell (6:3-1-0). Posted 4-1/4 len win of 5 (4) $1.95 55.5 South Bullaway 1100m Coonamble Mdn Good(4) Dec 12. Kept trying 2 len 7th of 11 (7) $8.00 56.5 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Fair effort without threatening at Orange last outing. On pacer. Awkwardly drawn. Among the dangers.

SPEUDOSA (R C Robb) 6G By Fast 'n' Famous - Magic Bella (10:1-2-2). Resumed with 1/2 len 2nd of 11 (1) $44.00 61.0 Luckyimwithamee 1000m Warren (Bm50) Good(3) Apr 15.. Resumed with 9-1/2 len 7th of 10 (9) $2.80 60.0 Bladehill Kitty 1100m Nyngan (C1) Good(3) Apr 25. First up. Worth some thought..

CUMNOCK (Brett Thompson) 4G By Outreach - Coasters (10:1-1-4). Slowly away. Keen when 3/4 len, 1-1/2 len 3rd of 11 (5) $3.90 58.5 Benyatta 1100m Bathurst (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 18. Sound when 8 len 11th of 11 (9) $6.50 52.0 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Lacked a pickup and only plugged to line at Orange at latest. Prefer others.

WASTED DAYS (Brett Robb) 3G By Supido - Miss Mellencamp (3:1-0-0).

DEMON'S SPEED TEST

Big-serving Canadian looms as tough first-round foe

Callum Dick

One of the fastest serves in tennis history stands between Alex de Minaur and an Australian Open second round berth.

With an official top speed of 249.9km/h, the missile that is Milos Raonic's serve has tormented the ATP Tour for more than a decade – and the Aussie No. 1 is its next target.

He's beaten Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray while in their primes and gave Novak Djokovic one of the sternest tests of his run to the 2021 Australian Open title.

De Minaur might have chuckled when he saw his name placed next to the world No. 317.

Raonic, a former Wimbledon runner-up and five-time Australian Open quarter-finalist, is hardly the cushy opening round draw oft expected for one of the top seeds.

After almost two years away from the tour battling injury, the 33-year-old Canadian is back up and running and ready to break Aussie hearts.

The former world No. 3 has saved his best tennis for Melbourne Park, where he boasts a 34-11 record and has reached the fourth round or better on eight occasions.

One man who knows how dangerous Raonic can be is recently-retired Aussie star, John Millman. Millman rates Raonic as the most difficult serve he faced throughout his career. In one of their clashes at Wimbledon, the Canadian "nearly put me into the stands," he said. "I went up to near the baseline and he put one through me which nearly made me fall over."

But Millman believes de Minaur's skill set makes him a match-up nightmare for Raonic, not the other way around. "I used to hate having to face those big servers, especially early in a tournament," Millman said. "Sometimes the game can get taken out of your hands. The good news for Australian fans is that last year, Alex was the fifth-best returner on tour."

Last year, only the current world top four – Djokovic, Alcaraz, Medvedev and Sinner – boasted better return games than de Minaur.

Between 2012 and 2019, Raonic won 91 per cent of his service games. That figure would have comfortably led the ATP Tour last year.

But the Canadian is only nine games into his comeback, while de Minaur is coming off a trio of top 10 scalps – including Djokovic – at the United Cup.

De Minaur and Raonic open the Monday night session on Rod Laver Arena from 7pm.

Barbora Krejcikova celebrates during her win.

Relief for Krejcikova after win

Former French Open champion Barbora Krejcikova survived a scare to reach the second round of the Australian Open on Sunday, beating Japanese wildcard Mai Hontama 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The Czech ninth seed, who triumphed at Roland Garros in 2021, struggled with her serve on Margaret Court Arena and was broken six times in total by her 122nd-ranked opponent.

But she dug deep when trailing 3-1 in the second set after losing the opener and eventually turned the tables.

Hontama, 24, playing in just her second Grand Slam, broke twice in the opening set to take a grip on the match.

There were multiple breaks in the second set but Krejcikova produced a powerful forehand winner to hold in the ninth game and edge ahead 5-4, seizing her chance to level the match.

The Czech player, 28, needed a medical time-out when 3-2 up in the decider, receiving heavy strapping to her foot and ankle.

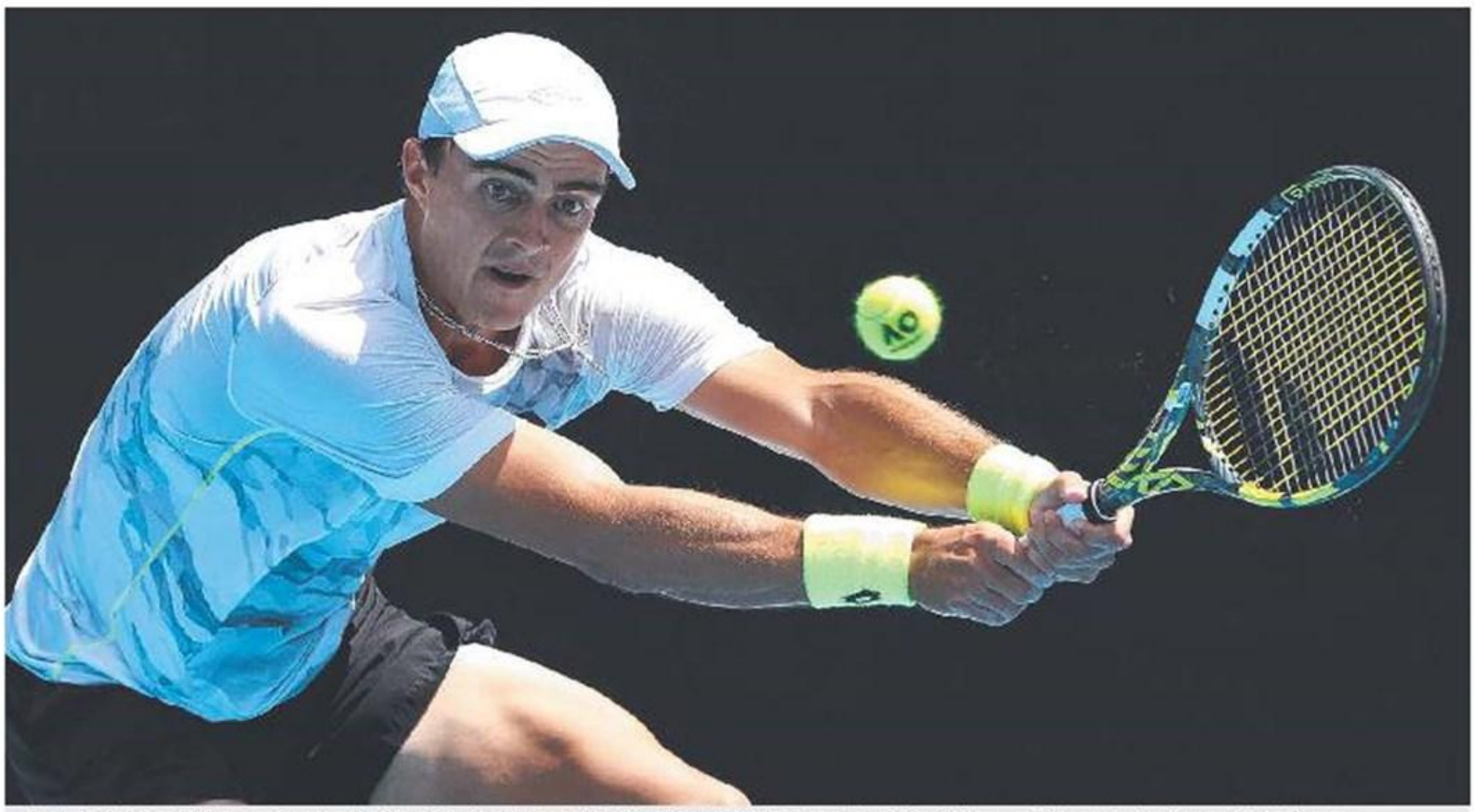
But she showed no signs of discomfort as she returned to the court, conjuring a crucial break in a long eighth game to leave her on the brink of victory, which she sealed when Hontama went long with a forehand.

Krejcikova said she was relieved to get through a "difficult match", which lasted 2 hours and 30 mins.

"I just tried to stay in the match," she said.

"In the second set I was down.

"But I never let go and I never gave up."



Australia's Adam Walton reaches for a backhand during his Australian Open loss to Italy's Matteo Arnaldi in Melbourne. Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty Images

Italian job on Aussie sealed emphatically

Rebecca Williams

The debut grand slam of Australian wildcard Adam Walton is over after just one match following his straight-sets loss on the opening day at Melbourne Park.

The first local hope on court at the Australian Open, Walton made a strong start against Italian Matteo Arnaldi before falling 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 6-4 on Kia Arena.

Walton, 24, pushed Arnaldi in an opening-set tiebreak but the world No.41 swept past the unseeded Australian in the second set. Arnaldi looked to be in control at 3-1 in the third set but faced resistance from Walton, who is ranked 176 in the world.

The Italian sealed his win with an ace to take his tally to 16-1 for the match, while he also had 57 winners to 21.

Arnaldi will face the winner of Alex de Minaur and Milos Raonic in the second round.

Sinner sees off spirited challenge

Fourth seed Jannik Sinner fired up his bid for a maiden Grand Slam title with a hard-fought straight-sets victory over Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp at the Australian Open on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Italian enjoyed a breakthrough 2023, winning his first Masters title, in Toronto, and making the championship match against Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals.

It sparked expectations that it is only a matter of time before he wins a major.

And Sinner came through a tough encounter at Melbourne Park to open his 2024 account, beating the 59th-ranked Dutchman 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 on Rod Laver Arena.

"My first match of the season and it means a lot to start off with a win," said Sinner, who reached his first Grand Slam semi-final at Wimbledon last year.

"The tournament is one where I would like to play as good as possible and hopefully I can show some more in the next round.

"Physically I feel good in good shape, the first round is never easy so I can be happy with today."

It was Sinner's first competitive match of the year after he opted against a warm-up tournament.

Italy's Jannik Sinner hits a return.

But he showed few signs of rust, breaking Van de Zandschulp's opening service game and powering through the first set in 46 minutes.

But the Dutchman, a former US Open quarter-finalist, refused to go quietly, hitting the ball so hard in the second set that his racquet strings snapped.

There was little between them as they battled to 5-5 before Van de Zandschulp netted a backhand to give the Italian the crucial break.

He then served out for a two-set lead.

Once again, the Dutchman put up resistance in the third, breaking to open up a 2-0 advantage.

But it was a temporary wobble by Sinner, who responded by breaking twice in succession and surged 4-2 clear and there was no way back.

At a career-high four in the world, Sinner also won titles last year in Montpellier, Vienna and Beijing.

He was also instrumental in helping Italy win the Davis Cup.

Djoker gets serious about Shelton row

Novak Djokovic has reignited his feud with US rising star Ben Shelton, calling the youngster "unsportsmanlike" in an interview with French newspaper L'Equipe.

They clashed at last year's US Open when, after a win, Djokovic imitated Shelton's trademark celebration.

At the time, Djokovic, who mimicked Shelton's "dialled in" phone call celebration then slammed down the phone, said he did it out of admiration. "I just love Ben's celebration," Djokovic said after his win last year. "I thought it was very original and I copied him. I stole his celebration."

Shelton's father Bryan was less impressed and suggested Djokovic's actions were designed to mock his son.

"He wanted to mock Ben at the end," Bryan Shelton said.

"It wasn't something he was doing just to copy Ben. It was to mock him."

Djokovic reopened the feud in his L'Equipe interview. "It was a reaction against him, he didn't behave properly, with respect, on court and before the match," the world No.1 said. "If anyone places himself in the unsportsmanlike zone, I react."

DEPTH KEY FOR MATILDAS

Yallop backs coach ahead of Games qualifying clash with Uzbekistan

Erin Smith

Matildas midfielder Tameka Yallop says the tactics that earned Tony Gustavsson plenty of criticism will be what gets the national team over the line against Uzbekistan without goalscoring hero Sam Kerr.

As Kerr posted on Instagram the first photo of herself after surgery – giving the thumbs up to her 1.8 million followers with her right leg in a compression bandage – the Matildas continued to plot ways to ensure they will not only qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics but win a medal.

Yallop, talking after the Brisbane Roar lost to Newcastle 2-1 on Saturday night, said their depth would be the key at the upcoming Olympic Qualifiers.

Gustavsson has worked hard to build depth since taking over the squad in September 2020.

His efforts to do so, which included playing inexperienced players against top-class teams such as Spain and Canada, didn't always get a great reaction from fans or pundits – especially after a 7-0 loss.

However, those matches allowed Gustavsson to find rising stars Charli Grant, who has just signed a contract with WSL club Tottenham, and Kyra Cooney-Cross, who now plays for Arsenal.

He also learnt that Australia's under-23s captain Amy Sayer was up to the task in senior football.

Yallop said now that Kerr had been ruled out of the qualifiers with an ACL injury and was unlikely to play at the Olympics if the Matildas qualified, having depth in the squad had increased confidence the team could deliver results.

"It's tough for Sam and all the girls are rallying around her," Yallop said.

"For it to happen to anyone is devastating.

"We're all here for Sam and she knows that." In the final Olympic qualifiers, the Matildas will play Uzbekistan away on February 24 and at home on February 28.

"We have worked hard, especially since TG (Gustavsson) came in, to grow depth within our squad and we can get results without Sam," Yallop said.

"She is an amazing player and a pleasure to watch, which is what makes it so exciting when she plays.

"But we have the depth within the squad to perform."

Sam Kerr recovering from injury in hospital. Picture: Instagram

Celtics' fortress can't be stormed

Jaylen Brown scored 32 points and Jayson Tatum added 27 as the Boston Celtics remained unbeaten at home, defeating Houston 145-113 on Sunday in former Celtics coach Ime Udoka's return to Boston.

The Celtics improved to an NBA-best 30-9 and 19-0 at home, the league's only unbeaten club at home, stretching its team record home win streak to start a season.

Udoka guided the Celtics to the 2022 NBA Finals, where they lost to Golden State, but he was suspended just before the start of the 2022-23 season training camp over an improper relationship with a team staffer.

Udoka ultimately was dropped and replaced by former assistant Joe Mazzulla on a permanent basis last February.

Mazzulla played down the impact of Udoka's return with the Rockets, who hired him as head coach last April.

In Atlanta, the Washington Wizards snapped a six-game losing streak and improved to 7-31 with a 127-99 victory over the Hawks. Kyle Kuzma led the Wizards with 29 points while Jordan Poole added 20.

Los Angeles Lakers (19-21) went up against Utah (21-20) on Sunday without LeBron James. The 39-year-old superstar missed his fourth game of the season with an ankle injury and his absence was telling, with Jazz winning 130-125.

Bos shot's a winner, but alarm issued

Australia's Jordan Bos unleashes a shot against India during the teams' Asian Cup clash in Al-Rayyan. Picture: AFP

Marco Monteverde

Jordan Bos' elation at scoring his first goal for the Socceroos has been tempered by national coach Graham Arnold admitting Australia has a "lot" to improve on to have any chance of winning the Asian Cup.

The Socceroos opened their Cup campaign in Qatar with a 2-0 win over India, and while securing three points was the ultimate objective, the Australians struggled for large periods of the game to break down their dogged and resolute rivals.

It took 50 minutes for the Socceroos to take the lead, through Jackson Irvine, before former Melbourne City prodigy Bos scored with his first touch of the game 23 minutes later after coming on as a substitute.

"It was amazing," 21-year-old Bos said. "It was my first Socceroos goal. I was hoping for the opportunity to get on and it just fell to me first touch so I couldn't have asked for a better start.

"Second half we got the goals we deserved."

However, Arnold expected more from his side, particularly in the first half when the Socceroos were sluggish in attack despite dominating possession.

"I can honestly say that we've got to improve a lot more than that," Arnold said.

"One disappointment was our set pieces because we work quite a lot on them, and we're very strong with set pieces but you've got to give credit to India for the way they set up themselves for those set pieces.

"That's something we need to improve on and we will."

Arnold preached patience at half time and admitted his team was perhaps too "excited" before the match in anticipation of the start of the tournament.

"There was a little bit of excitement and impatience."

Tasmania's Matt Bevilacqua. Picture: Harvpix (via SLSA)

Tardy nipper matures into Ironman ripper

Amanda Lulham

When Matt Bevilacqua was a 13-year-old nipper he was so small and slow he nearly drowned while competing at an interstate surf life saving competition at Maroubra Beach.

Now 18 years on, the kid who told his dad that same day he would get "heaps better" won his second round of the Nutri-Grain ironman series in 24 hours on the same beach. "How crazy is that, all these years later, to win two race back to back," said Bevilacqua, 31, the surf star who grew up in Tasmania and became the first athlete from the Apple Isle to compete on the professional iron series when still in his teens.

"My dad was saying we came here for an interstates and it almost broke me. I was so far behind and dad was scared I wasn't coming back in. I nearly drowned. I remember it so well, being on a nipper board and barely scrapping home.

"But I also remember telling dad I was OK and I'd get them in a few years. I was always positive. I guess that positivity has always helped me."

The back-to-back wins in rounds three and four in Sydney at the weekend have put Bevilacqua within a point of series leader Ali Day who missed the podium for the first time this series for his seventh place in Sunday's survival format racing after being washed from his ski in the final race.

Bevilacqua is the defending series champion but until Saturday had not won a leg for more than a year.

"It's been a good weekend for sure," said Bevilacqua who stole a kiss from girlfriend and ironwoman Brielle Cooper as he ran up the beach for his win over Newport's Jackson Borg.

MARSH DRAWS STUMPS ON PRO CAREER

Shaun Marsh has called time on his professional cricket career after 23 years. Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty Images

WA great walking away after 23 years at the top level

Daniel Cherny

Shaun Marsh feels a sense of relief and sadness as he retires from professional cricket after almost a quarter of a century.

The West Australian great revealed on Sunday that the Big Bash League match between his Melbourne Renegades and Sydney Thunder on Wednesday would be the last of a career that started some 23 summers ago.

Marsh, 40, played the last of his 38 Tests and 73 one-day internationals in 2019.

He kept playing domestically for WA before retiring at the end of last season.

Marsh continued into this BBL season with the Renegades after he moved from the Perth Scorchers in 2019. Having overcome calf issues, his form has not diminished.

The left-hander has posted three half-centuries from five innings this season, including an unbeaten 64 to lead the Renegades to victory against Melbourne Stars on Saturday night at Marvel Stadium.

However, the Renegades' underwhelming season has contributed to Marsh's decision, which he made last week, to pull up stumps on his decorated career.

"I probably knew at the start of the season that it was more than likely going to be my last year but there was no sort of decision made up until probably after our second-last game ago," Marsh said on Sunday. "We had a nine-day break and went home with the family and just felt right then that this was going to be it.

"It's probably a sense of relief but also some sadness knowing that it's all over – sort of leave knowing that you gave everything and it's the right time to walk away.

"I think just mentally it was more just knowing that I was probably done.

"My body, even though I feel like I'm batting really well. Just moving around in the field has been a lot harder this year. And I just thought it was the right time now with where we're at.

"I think everyone at the Renegades had high hopes this year of being a lot further up the ladder and not making the finals gives the guys a good chance now to reset and get some younger players in and build around those players."

The span of Marsh's career is extraordinary.

He made his Sheffield Shield debut for WA in early 2001 playing alongside Tom Moody, who was born in 1965.

This season he was on the Renegades' list with young gun Harry Dixon, who was born in 2005.

Marsh, the son of former Australian opener and coach Geoff and older brother of Aussie star Mitch, said team success with the Scorchers and a breakthrough Shield win with WA two summers ago were among the highlights of his career. Though his Australian career was a mixed bag, he was proud to have reached the highest level and said he could now fully appreciate how special it had been to play international cricket with his brother.

Asked how he would like to be remembered as a player, Marsh, a popular if quiet teammate through his career, said he valued authenticity.

"I think just being a good person," he said.

"I've always just tried to be myself. I've always tried not to be someone I'm not.

"And that's something that I'm really proud of.

"And someone that worked hard and gave his best to the team in every game that I played."

Action needed to save Tests

Daniel Cherny

West Indies coach Andre Coley has called on cricket's leadership to put up or shut up when it comes to saving the Test format globally, while floating the idea of four-day Tests in a bid to make it more appetising to players.

The Windies have been widely written off for the Frank Worrell Trophy series, which begins in Adelaide on Wednesday.

Having not beaten in Australia in a Test series in more than three decades, and not even won a Test against the Aussies in more than 20 years, the Windies have picked a squad that contains seven uncapped players.

Former captain Jason Holder and all-rounder Kyle Mayers have opted out of the series to prioritise franchise commitments elsewhere.

It is not a new phenomenon for the Windies but they may merely have been the canary in the coalmine for the format given South Africa has named a massively depleted squad to tour New Zealand this month after its board told Proteas stars to put the Indian-backed SA20 competition first.

Australian cricket leaders have discussed the idea of setting up a global funding pool to ensure Test cricket remains viable for more than just a handful of nations.

Coley said talk was one thing but actions were another.

"I believe that if we have enough powerbrokers around world cricket who are keen on ensuring that Test cricket continues to be played and becomes a viable option for players, young players, then those people have to voice those opinions and in the lobbies and rooms that can make those decisions, and decisions are made accordingly," Coley said.

"It comes down to the people who make the decisions.

"If they really believe that Test cricket needs to continue, then find a way to get it done."

Johnson fuels conspiracy theory

Robert Craddock

Mitchell Johnson has questioned Steve Smith's promotion to opener and says selectors should be asked whether Cameron Bancroft was the victim of a vendetta.

The snubbing of Bancroft has triggered a "Sandgropergate" scandal in Perth. Locals are furious that their opener has missed a berth in the Test side to face the West Indies in Adelaide.

In his weekly column for Perth's Sunday Times published on The West Australian's website, Johnson said Smith had "long been the glue" of Australia's top order at No.4 and he could not understand the logic for changing things.

"You can't help but wonder why (selection chairman) George Bailey and the selection panel have gone this way," Johnson wrote.

"Do they feel Smith hasn't been at his best and they think this could be a good change for him?

"There are reports that Smithy doesn't like sitting around waiting to bat but he has done that most of his career at fourth in the order – and he's been pretty good at it.

"Is it purely to fit Cam Green back in and give him a shot at No.4?

Mitchell Johnson.

"I'm not a big fan of this way.

"You always want your best players at third and fourth in the order. It's a really interesting way of selection and anything could happen."

Bailey, who fell out with Johnson this season following Johnson's comments that Bailey was too close to the players, denied at his press conference the panel or any player had any lingering bad feelings towards Bancroft following his fallout with the bowlers for comments he made about the Sandpapergate scandal.

"Bailey says there is no issue but you can't blame Bancroft – or the public – for questioning this, if he is claiming the selection panel didn't consider the specialist opener among the nation's seven-best batters.

"It's obviously a confusing message for the West Australian, who has scored the most runs out of all those openers considered and done it over the past couple of years.

"So any questions around this are fair."

Sri Lanka promise to lift fielding standard

Sri Lanka needs to lift its game on fielding to have a shot at this year's T20 World Cup title, captain Wanindu Hasaranga said on Sunday.

Hasaranga is riding high after a career-best 7-19 against Zimbabwe during Thursday's ODI decider and made his debut as skipper overnight as the 20-over leg of the tour began.

Poor fielding has been a running problem for the Sri Lankans in white-ball cricket, with 16 dropped catches at last year's one-day World Cup in India confining them to a second-last place finish on the points table.

"I have told the team at the outset that fielding will be very important," he told reporters.

"No matter how well you bat or bowl, if you don't field well then you'll struggle to make it to the side. Fielding is non-negotiable."

Zimbabwe will be the sole full member of the International Cricket Council to miss this year's tournament after a shock defeat to Uganda during the qualifiers.

"It's really heartbreaking not just for me and cricketers but for the whole nation," captain Sikandar Raza said.

JACK SIGNING MAJOR COUP

Recruitment of ex-Tiger star will be 'enormous' for Roos, says coach

Ryan Rosendale

Clarence coach Peter Ryan is hopeful former AFL star Jack Riewoldt could feature for more than one TSL game this season as the Roos push to go one step better in the competition's final year.

Riewoldt's return to his former club was announced on Friday with the Richmond three-time premiership player currently locked in for one match in 2024.

While it's yet to be confirmed which round will be Riewoldt's comeback, Ryan said it was a major boost for the club and didn't shut the door on the potential for more than the stand-alone game.

"It's pretty exciting news for footy in general, exciting for our footy club and for our players to have someone of his caliber come and give back to his football club," he said.

"Probably see how he pulls up after that first game but it's just fantastic to have Jack definitely for that one game and if we can sneak three out of him to qualify for finals, you just never know."

After two consecutive preliminary final losses, Riewoldt's return – even if for just one game – is a major boost for Ryan's side who finished third

> "It's just going to be enormous."
>
> **PETER RYAN**
> **Clarence coach**

the past two seasons. "It's just going to be enormous," Ryan said. "The ability to train with him, talk to him about his experiences ... and how he can impart his knowledge onto our group at TSL level.

"Most of our age demographic have grown up watching him play so to be able to run around with him on this surface (Blundstone Arena) is just going to be amazing."

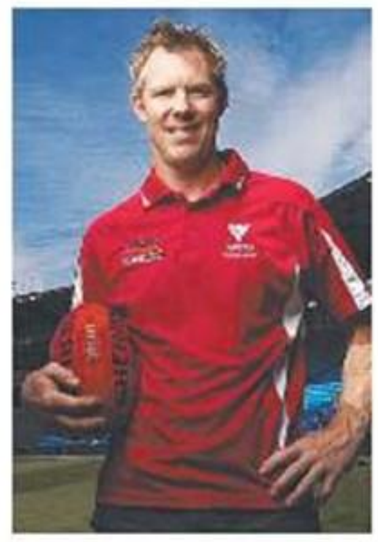
While star forward Colin Garland has retired, the Roos are also set to be bolstered by the return of one former player turned AFL star and the potential return of delisted Sydney draftee Cameron Owen.

"Josh Green has come back," he said.

"Josh has a great deal of experience at AFL level and is going to add a lot to our footy club. He is a premiership player here so those sorts of things in part onto our group and we are striving to get the club's 16th premiership. "We are still talking through with Cam and hopefully he comes on board. Having that year with Sydney, one of the stronger clubs with their culture, is only going to benefit our playing group.

"We also have Tom Cleary coming on board. A premiership player at Glenorchy, with VFL experience, so that is going to give us a lot of leadership and experience as well."

Ryan added that there was definitely a hunger from the group to make this year's grand final after going down by a combined 25 points in the 2022 and 2023 preliminary finals.



Former AFL star Jack Riewoldt will play for Clarence in 2024. Picture: Nikki Davis-Jones

Record takes a tumble at state titles

Commonwealth Games sprinter Jack Hale leading the men's 100 yard race en route to victory. INSET FROM LEFT: Chelsea Scolyer shows her class in winning the women's 100 yard race; Jack Woodberry leads Max Green in the 5000m. Pictures: Holly Smee

Daniel Smee

Jack Woodberry has added another record to his collection with a superb run in the state 5000m championships at Domain Athletics Centre as part of the Night of Fives event.

The national junior triathlon title-holder blew the race wide open from the start with a bold display of front running and only Max Green was able to handle the aggressive pace.

Urged on by the support of a big crowd, the pair matched strides for all but the last 50m of the race, with Green kicking home to win in a time of 14min, 45.26sec.

Woodberry's time of 14:46.79 obliterated Sam Clifford's previous state under-16 mark of 15:17.15 set in 2018, underlying his credentials as a future star of the sport.

The women's title went to Ruby Smee in a time of 16:07.18 from Karina Fyfe and Ruth Wilson, with the latter setting a new state W35 record of 18:11.96.

Earlier in the evening, Chelsea Scolyer blitzed the field in the state 100 yards title for women, running 10.64sec to break Morgan Gaffney's open record of 10.83sec.

Kiani Allen finished second in 11.03sec from Eastern Suburbs club mate Kiara Calvert (11.30sec).

Jack Hale took out the men's event in a time of 9.79sec from Ryan Cooper and Max Perkin.

Bullets the right calibre

A fourth-straight win has given the resurgent Brisbane Bullets a hunger for the playoffs in the National Basketball League after they plucked the Illawarra Hawks 110-103.

A Sunday full house of 5000 fans at Nissan Arena in Brisbanes roared their approval for a team that has risen from ninth to fourth on the back of resilience and expanded threats.

The Hawks were always playing catch-up or mess-up except for brief leads early in the second quarter.

No one at the start of the season predicted game-winning bursts from guard Mitch Norton or centre Tyrell Harrison but they starred.

Norton sunk two key three-pointers in the third quarter to build a 10-point buffer as features of an 18-point game built on five of eight shooting.

THE SYDNEY KINGS haven't given up hope of retaining their crown just yet.

After reaching their lowest point of the season earlier in the round, Sydney responded in emphatic fashion to destroy the New Zealand Breakers 105-76.

In front of a season-high NBL crowd of 16,605 at Qudos Bank Arena, it was the Denzel Valentine and Jaylen Adams show as the star imports made the visitors look second rate.

Howrah, Cremorne win well in round of big upsets

Peter Kirby

Round 10 of Bowls South's Divergence Built Premier Division provided some unexpected results.

A rejuvenated Howrah defeated Sandy Bay to lift it away from the dreaded 10th spot on the ladder, and Cremorne proved that Kingborough is not invincible on its indoor green. Sandy Bay was at home to Howrah, who turned up to play, winning on two rinks by 74-66. Glenn Frame set up the win for the visitors, defeating Andrew Norris, 26-13.

John Sutcliffe defeated Lucas Howell, 17-9, for Howrah's second rink win. Ryan McCoull and Josh Lording won for the Bay, McCoull defeating Bill Butler, 18-15, and Lording downing Peter Jenkins, 26-16.

Ladder leaders, Kingborough suffered a humiliating defeat at home to Cremorne, 64-82. While Kingborough accounted for Cremorne on three rinks, it was on the fourth rink that the visitors disposed of their hosts.

Down 18 shots after eight ends, Kingborough's Ryan Guy could not gain any momentum against Ashley Banks, who conceded just five ends to Guy, winning by 33-7.

Kingborough's successful skips were Jason Fowler, who defeated Peter Marshall, 22-19, with Will Coad, 13-12, over Leigh Munnings, and Nic Courto against Brad Knight, 22-18. Glenorchy Rodman's all rinks win against visitors, New Norfolk, 91-55, brought them to within 10 points of the ladder leaders. Cam Tegg led the way, defeating Shane Winter, 33-14.

The other rinks were closer, Grant Allford successful against Kerry Hill, 20-12, Anthony Clifford up over Mitch Banks, 21-14, and Jack Ellis outlasting Barry Bone, 17-15.

Brighton had a commanding 85-58 victory over visitors, Buckingham.

Grant Wakefield played a superb game defeating Todd Oakley 25-13, and Riley Davie continued his winning form, holding off a fast-finishing Grant Chamberlain, 23-16.

Mick Daniels played some great clutch shots to keep Andrew Chamberlain at bay, 19-11, and Stuart Rees salvaged a point for Buckingham, securing a tie with his final bowl against Matthew Breward, 18-all.

Dover claimed a three-rink victory at Claremont, 91-64.

Chris Norris was the big winner for Dover, defeating Chris Chalker 37-10. Roger Dale headed Paul Hart 25-13, and Cam Norris rounded out the three-rink win for the visitors, beating Michael Taylor 18-15.

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Australia's Dane Sweeny reaches for a backhand during his first round Australian Open match against Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo. Picture: Michael Klein

TOUGH START FOR AUSSIES

Australia's players endured a tough opening day to the 2024 Australian Open on Sunday, with Adam Walton and Dane Sweeny falling to first-round losses in Melbourne. Christopher O'Connell and Jason Kubler were hoping to turn around the host nations fortunes in their evening session clashes.

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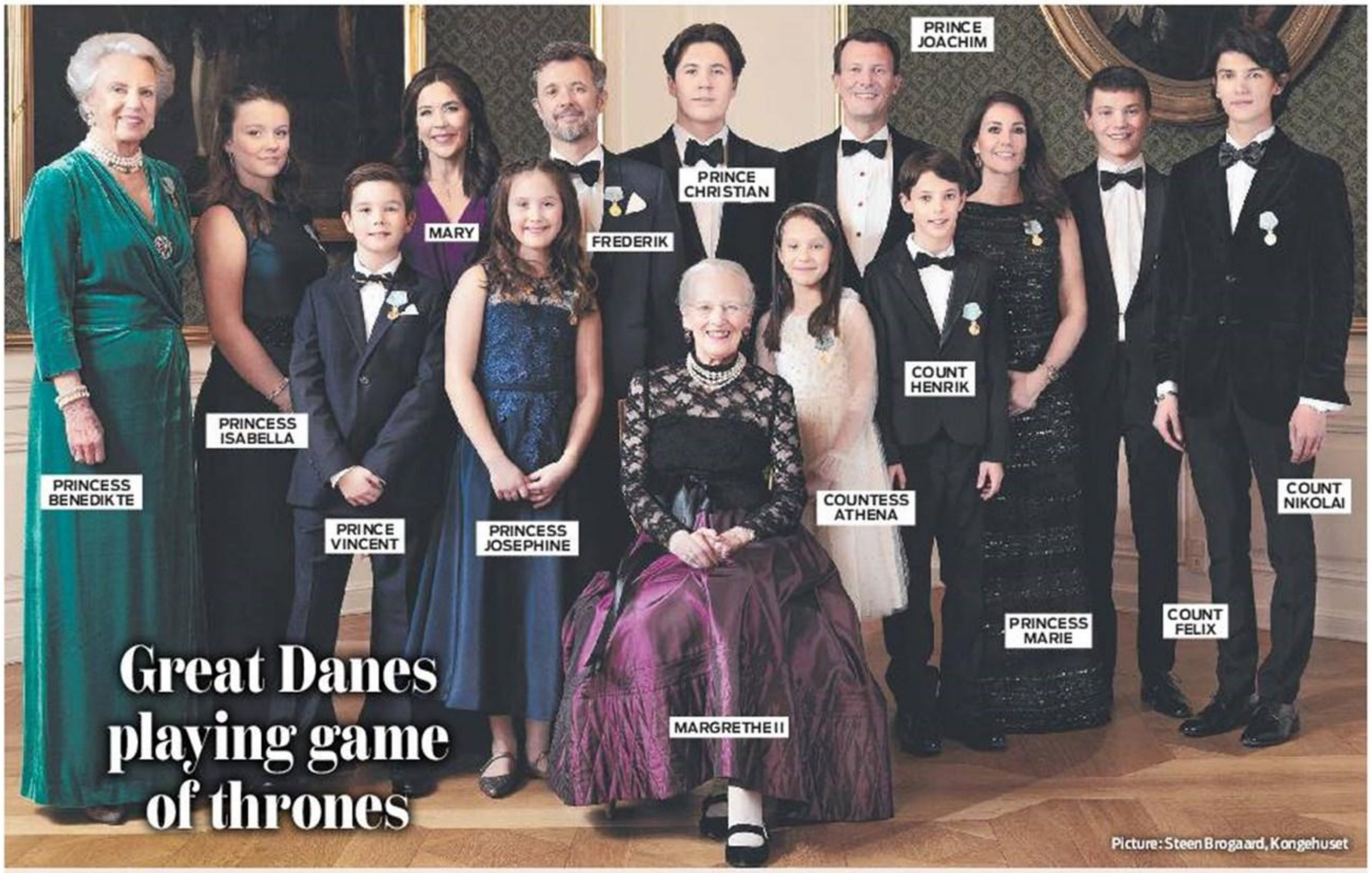

Great Danes playing game of thrones

Picture: Steen Brogaard, Kongehuset

The line of succession in the House of Denmark has shifted since King Frederik X and wife Queen Mary took the throne. Their son Crown Prince Christian, 18, is now the next heir to the throne and his sister Isabella, 16, second. Despite the smiles, Frederik's brother Prince Joachim, fifth in line, is still displeased his children were stripped of their prince and princess titles a year ago. Nevertheless, they are still in the line of succession.

Who's who in the Danish royal family:

PRINCESS BENEDIKTE

Margrethe's younger sister is 10th in line to the throne. Her three children have the title prince and princess, but lost their succession rights as they were not permanently resident in Denmark during their education.

PRINCESS ISABELLA

Mary and Frederik's eldest daughter is 16. She undertook her first royal engagement, aged 8, in 2015.

PRINCE VINCENT

The 13-year-old's place in the line of succession was affected by a constitutional change two years before his birth, that no longer favoured boys. Vincent is third in line behind his big brother and sister, Christian and Isabella.

MARY

Married to Frederik since 2004, the Australian famously met her prince charming in a Sydney pub. Popular with Danes after embracing their language and culture, she acted as regent in Margrethe and Frederik's absence in 2019, but now faces the full responsibilities of Queen.

PRINCESS JOSEPHINE

Frederik and Mary's younger daughter, Josephine, 13, is Vincent's twin. Both have a Greenlandic name among their middle names, Ivalo for her, and Minik for him.

FREDERIK

Ascending to the throne at the age of 55, King Frederik X will reign over Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands. He's been known as a party prince, but his mother has lauded his down-to-earth ability to connect to "all sorts of people".

PRINCE CHRISTIAN

The 18 year old seemed keen to stay out of the royal limelight in 2023 when it was announced he would delay taking a royal allowance and focus on his studies, but as heir to the throne there's no doubting his star power.

MARGRETHE II

Known for her chain-smoking (only curtailed recently) and eccentric style, the first female monarch since Margrethe I (1376-1412) also has a tough streak – stripping four of her grandchildren of their royal titles to "futureproof" the monarchy.

PRINCE JOACHIM

Frederik's brother, Joachim, 54, has moved to Washington with his second wife and younger children. He was upset at his mother's decision to remove his children's titles.

PRINCESS MARIE

Marie married Frederik's brother Joachim in 2008 and they have two children.

COUNT HENRIK

Henrik, 14, is the only son of Joachim and his second wife, Marie. He, his sister, Athena, and their half-siblings lost their royal titles on January 1, 2023, but remain in the line of succession.

COUNTESS ATHENA

Athena, 11, is the only daughter of Joachim and his second wife Marie. She is the last of Margrethe's grandchildren in the line of succession.

COUNT FELIX

Felix, 21, is the youngest son of Joachim and his first wife, Alexandra. In 2022, he began studying at Copenhagen Business School.

COUNT NIKOLAI

The eldest son of Joachim and his first wife, Alexandra, has found success as a model, but is also a business student. The 24-year-old has described losing his title as a shock, but "I am the same person as I've always been".

HAIRDRESSER

Soon after Mary Donaldson met and fell in love with the then Crown Prince Frederik, she was introduced to the hairdresser and make-up artist Soeren Hedegaard. It was a working relationship built on fun, trust and loyalty.

Soeren Hedegaard

In the early days, the pair allegedly would sneak out to test makeup looks at the Estee Lauder counter in a Copenhagen department store. The master stylist primped and prepped the stunning Mary for 23 years.

But, following the abdication announcement, Mr Hedegaard decided to step down and focus on his job as creative director at the STUHR salon.

In a heartfelt Instagram post, he wrote: "Dear friends, with the end of 2023 and with a change of throne in view, I have also chosen a change in my life.

Mr Hedegaard said he was "passing the baton on to the next generation".

"It has been 23 amazing and unforgettable years with memories and friendships that I will always carry in my heart," he wrote.

His replacement has not been announced.

PERSONAL TRAINERS/ NUTRITIONIST

Queen Mary has employed a string of personal trainers over the years to help her maintain her fitness and shape.

She is said to prefer a targeted exercise regimen that includes walking, jogging and horse riding. The Queen is also a fan of weights and heavy lifting.

When it comes to her diet, she is said to be proponent of the "Danish diet", a sensible eating plan that is centred on locally sourced and readily available natural foods.

It focuses less on meat and more on oily fish as well as root vegetables, nuts and fruits.

CLOSEST CONFIDANTS

Caroline Heering served as Queen Mary's lady in waiting and private secretary for a period shortly after the royal married King Frederik X.

Over the decades, the pair's working relationship grew and Herring is now believed to be one of Queen Mary's closest friends and confidantes.

Ms Heering is married to one of King Frederik's childhood friends, Peter, and the pair are godparents to Princess Isabella and Prince Vincent.

Birgitte Handwerk, the partner of one of King Frederik's best friends, Jeppe, was one of Queen Mary's first friends in Denmark.

They shared a common bond as they both raised young families at the same time.

Ms Handwerk is godmother to Queen Mary's daughter, Josephine, while her partner is a godfather to Crown Prince Christian.

Caroline Elisabeth Heering

Prince Frederik and Princess Mary at The Royal Palace in Stockholm in June, 2015. Picture: Getty Images

Informal approach a winner

MARY AND FREDERIK'S ABILITY TO ACT LIKE 'ORDINARY PEOPLE' WILL APPEAL TO DANES, WHO WANT LESS POMP AND FORMALITY THESE DAYS

Queen Margrethe tipped her hand on the most-important role she planned for Crown Princess Mary to play in the daily life of the Royal House of Denmark.

When it was announced the Australian princess would receive the official title of Her Majesty Queen, it stood in stark contrast to the Danish monarchy's previous foreign-born "consort", Prince Henrik. Queen Margrethe II refused to make her French husband king – an open wound he took to his grave in 2018. For Queen Mary, however, she had bigger ambitions.

"It means she will also play the role of substitute for the King," historian Lars Hovbakke Sorensen said.

"She can reign over the country for some days, or weeks, when both the King and the Crown Prince are travelling abroad."

But the professor at Copenhagen's Absalon University and author of several distinguished European history books, including Denmark: From Ancient Times to Today, said it was how Mary could spend her days – between the state visits and official duties – that would set the new Queen apart and define the future of the crown. From the moment she wakes up until when she goes to bed, it's not so much the number of engagements on her calendar – though there will be many, if not more than Queen Margrethe – but how those appointments are conducted.

"They are famous for being more informal in the way of talking to people and to speaking to ordinary people than Queen Margrethe," Sorensen said, adding their regular days would not be filled with the trappings of pomp and formality.

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> **Lars Hovbakke Sorensen**
> Historian

"They are very close to being like ordinary people. And that is really a strength because it appeals to how people see the monarchy today in a more informal way."

That's not to say her days will be spent making Vegemite sandwiches and packing lunch boxes. Sorensen said the new King and Queen were expected to engage in notably more royal responsibilities and official duties than Queen Margrethe, who received between 50 to 150 audiences a day and, since 1972, had more than 50,000 conversations with Danes at Christiansborg Palace every other Monday.

"Frederick the 10th will have his wife by his side, and that is different from Queen Margrethe, who lost her husband in 2018," he said.

"They will have a lot of work to do and they will be having more activities as two instead of one. They will go on a lot of official visits abroad and receive a lot of respected guests from other countries.

"So she'll play this traditional role of what a queen consort is expected to do," Sorensen said, adding Queen Margrethe would step back as a more of a "patroness" post-abdication.

"In her daily life, Queen Mary will be engaged in a lot of different things: opening exhibitions, working to improve the conditions for the poor, children and single women, and a lot of different affairs. She is very much engaged in social issues and she has a lot of protections, as it's called, of different organisations."

The new Queen is expected to continue her work with The Mary Foundation, which she established in 2007 to combat the social isolation that comes with bullying, domestic violence and loneliness.

She is also expected to

Fairytale romance from a pub to a palace

It was the unlikeliest of romances: a globetrotting playboy prince and a girl from Tasmania working in the back office of an Australian real estate agency.

But from a chance meeting in a crowded Sydney harbourside pub in 2000 to today, the fairytale love story of now King Frederik and Queen Mary has played out for all the world to see.

"I found myself in an unknown country among happy, festive foreigners," Frederik would later recount to the royal court of that chance meeting at the Slip Inn during the 2000 Olympics.

He never told her he was the heir to the throne of Denmark as he introduced himself to her simply as Fred as he stood there drinking merrily with others, including his brother Prince Joachim and cousin Prince Nikolaos.

"My only luggage at that time was my high

expectations of my visit and a certain degree of confidence," the then Crown Prince Frederik would reveal during toasts after their wedding in May 2004.

"I had only been in Australia two days before our fates were sealed, even though neither of us was aware of it. But your radiance shone clearly for me from our very first meeting."

The vivacious Mary Donaldson had only been invited to the pub by her then Bondi Junction terrace housemate, who told her to come for beer and pizza with friends at a city pub.

By all reports Mary and her Aussie gal pals began debating the sexiness of chest hair on men as they turned to the table of princes and their open shirts to pose the question and sample a chest rub. The hairless Frederik caught her eye and they soon bonded over more in-depth

Crown Princess Mary and Prince Frederik at his 50th birthday in 2018 (top); Mary and Queen Margrethe (above); and an official portrait of Margrethe.

HOBART GIRL WHO WANTED TO BE A VET

GROWING UP IN A MODEST HOME AND POPULAR AT SCHOOL, THE YOUNG DAUGHTER OF SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS LOVED SPORT AND HORSES

When Mary Donaldson was growing up she did not dream of becoming a princess.

She had a much more sensible plan; to become a vet.

However, she was just two years old when she first caught the eye of a prince, wandering into the path of the then Prince Charles while he was on a visit to Tasmania.

Emma Tom, who wrote the 2005 unauthorised biography Something About Mary, said the now queen "made a good impression on royal males from the get-go".

Born to two Scottish-born immigrants – John Donaldson, a professor and academic, and Etta Donaldson, a cat lover, royalist and a personal assistant at the University of Tasmania – Mary was the youngest of four.

In a 2004 documentary, her father admits he was "more of a disciplinarian than necessary", although by all accounts Mary got away with more than her siblings.

The Donaldson children grew up in a modest four-bed home in Morris Ave, Hobart, and shared bedrooms.

The older-style property was recently listed for rent in 2022 for $570.

Mary said her father encouraged her to do what made her happy. For her, that involved lots of sport including hockey, tennis and basketball. She was very competitive, but horses were her real passion. Eventually, she persuaded her parents to buy her one, which she called Sultan, and later competed in dressage and showjumping competitions.

Like all the Donaldsons, Mary was publicly educated, first at Sandy Bay Infants School and then Waimea Heights Primary and Taroona High.

Her teachers described her as capable and she was popular with her classmates.

Teacher Peter Armstrong remembers her as "confident, articulate and outgoing".

"She had firm goals and she was always going to achieve," Mr Armstrong told News Corp. "You could never predict that she would go on to marry a prince but she was very determined."

Tasmanian journalist Rachel Edwards said Taroona High was known for its "skatey culture" and a school where kids liked to party.

However, despite many journalists looking into her background, no one has ever unearthed anything remotely scandalous, apart from 1980s fashion that included "giant shoulder pads and a scrunched poodle perm", according to author Tom.

Glenn Marriott, a former boyfriend who said he dated Mary for three years, described her as a "fantastic, sweet girl".

After abandoning her earlier ambition of becoming a vet, she studied commerce and law at the University of Tasmania.

She had a new dream to become a managing director of an international company.

Well, she can probably tick that one off. As Queen of Denmark she is now the face of a Danish brand, representing her adopted country overseas.

Hooray to that Tassie girl who got what she wanted in the end.

Princess Mary during a visit to Sydney in 2011, and (insets, above) as a child, at her school formal and the former Donaldson family home.

continue as a patron of Danish organisations such as Children, Youth & Grief, the Christmas Seal Foundation, and the Danish Mental Health Fund. As patron of the Danish Swimming Federation and the Danish Heart Foundation, Queen Mary could also continue focusing on creating communities through sports. As patron of the UN Population Fund and Maternity Foundation, her work focuses on promoting the rights of girls and women.

She is expected to also highlight health issues in Europe with the World Health Organisation, and remain a member of the UN's International Centre for Research on Women's Leadership Council.

Queen Mary likely will deliver more official speeches than she did as a princess, when she addressed the People's Movement Against Loneliness conference in 2022, Prince Frederik's official 50th birthday in 2018, and the opening of the UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development conference in 2016. Mary was first made a "rigsforstander" in 2019 as Crown Princess. On the occasion she rises to the acting head of state of Denmark as Queen, it will be one of the rare times in the country's history that anyone other than the Crown Prince will be allowed to act as regent in the absence of the monarch.

It places a heavier weight of responsibility on Queen Mary's shoulders than her predecessor, Prince Henrik, who renounced his role as consort and spent most of his final years at his private vineyard in southern France.

Rather than being put out to pasture like Prince Henrik, Sorensen said Queen Margrethe saw s Mary in the mould of her beloved mother Queen Ingrid, who was widowed after King Frederick IX died in 1972.

"After he died, Queen Ingrid of Sweden very often was a substitute for Queen Margrethe when she was abroad," Sorensen said. "So we have seen it before that you have foreigners, so to speak, in taking that role."

The importance of Queen Ingrid continues to resonate in the Danish royal family today. She became the first member of the family other than the Crown Prince who was allowed to act as regent in the absence of the monarch.

That move is what allows Queen Mary to become Denmark's acting head of state and fulfil official functions in place of Frederik X, as Queen Ingrid did "innumerable" times after the death of Frederik IX.

"Queen Ingrid's importance for the present Danish royal family can hardly be over-estimated," Amalienborg Palace's official history of the late royal said.

"She helped her husband rise to the occasion as king, and with her perceptiveness and sense of style, set an example for the current generations of the royal family."

discussion of horses and sport, before the high-spirited group drank on into the night at other city bars. For "Fred" and Mary, their fates were sealed, their love story begun.

Hobart-born Mary had graduated from the University of Tasmania with degrees in commerce and law but worked in various jobs including as an account manager for an advertising agency, even appearing in a TV commercial in 1998 for Victoria's regional train travel (which since last weekend has resurfaced to trend on social media).

But after the Slip Inn romance she soon quit Sydney and moved to Copenhagen for intense lessons in the Danish language, diplomacy and royal decorum.

The couple maintained a long-distance relationship for a year, with the then 32-year-old Frederik making secret trips to Australia to visit his 28-year-old love, but by 2001 it was decided her journey into the royal family should begin.

By 2003 Queen Margrethe formally acknowledged the relationship and an engagement was announced later that year.

Their love would make four beautiful children, with the eldest, 18-year-old Christian, elevated to Crown Prince and heir to the throne after the ascension of his parents.

Frederik might today be king, but from the beginning he has credited his queen with being his guiding force.

"The joy and the strength you give me is like the sun in the daytime which, with its radiance, melts all doubts and darkness on earth," he said during their wedding vows.

"And like the moon at night, you shine with a watchful and delicate beam of gentleness, which extinguishes the mischief and deceit used by the symbols of darkness."

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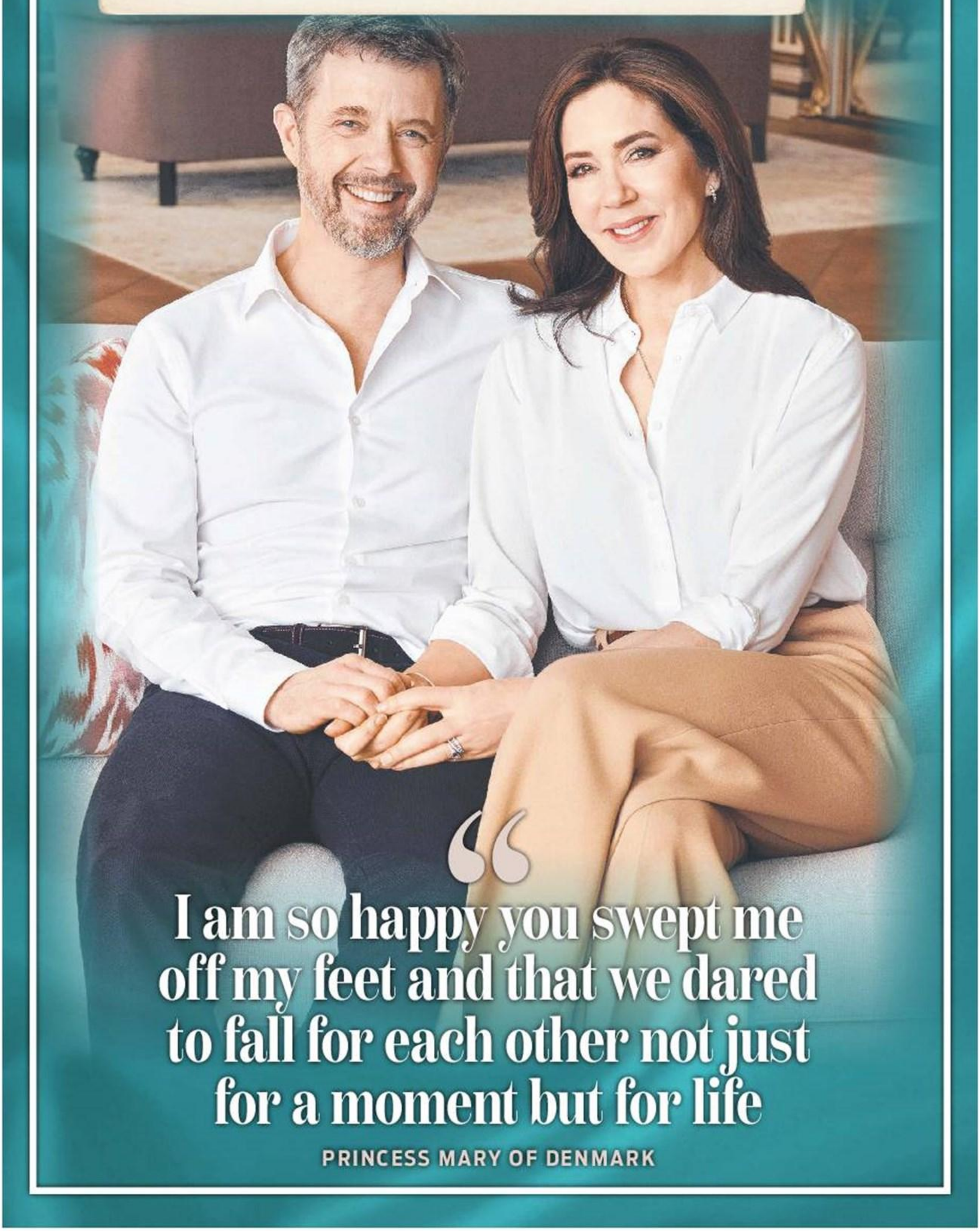

“I am so happy you swept me off my feet and that we dared to fall for each other not just for a moment but for life

PRINCESS MARY OF DENMARK